

AECOM places

West Cambridge Community Forum – Planning Application Update 21st March 2017





Phase 1: Priority Projects – Connectivity and transforming access



Phase 3: Transformation at full capacity

Planning Application Overview

Planning Application Update

- 1. Heights and Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- 2. Trees and Arboricultural Impact Assessment
- 3. Traffic and Transport
- 4. Drainage
- 5. Sustainability
- 6. Amenities Delivery
- 7. Parameter Plans and Statements
- 8. Design Guidelines
- 9. Next Steps

- Outline planning application submitted to Cambridge City Council in June 2016.
- Application for development comprising:
 - up to 370,000m² of academic floorspace (Class D1 space), commercial / research institute floorspace (Class B1b and sui generis research uses), of which not more than 170,000m² will be commercial floorspace (Class B1b);
 - up to 2,500m² nursery floorspace (Class D1);
 - up to 1,000m² of retail/food and drink floorspace (Classes A1-A5);
 - up to 4,100m2 and not less than 3,000 m2 for assembly and leisure floorspace;
 - up to 5,700m2 of sui generis uses, including Energy Centre and Data Centre;
 - associated infrastructure including roads), pedestrian, cycle and vehicle routes, parking, drainage, open spaces, landscaping and earthworks; and demolition of existing buildings and breaking up of hardstanding.



Existing Site



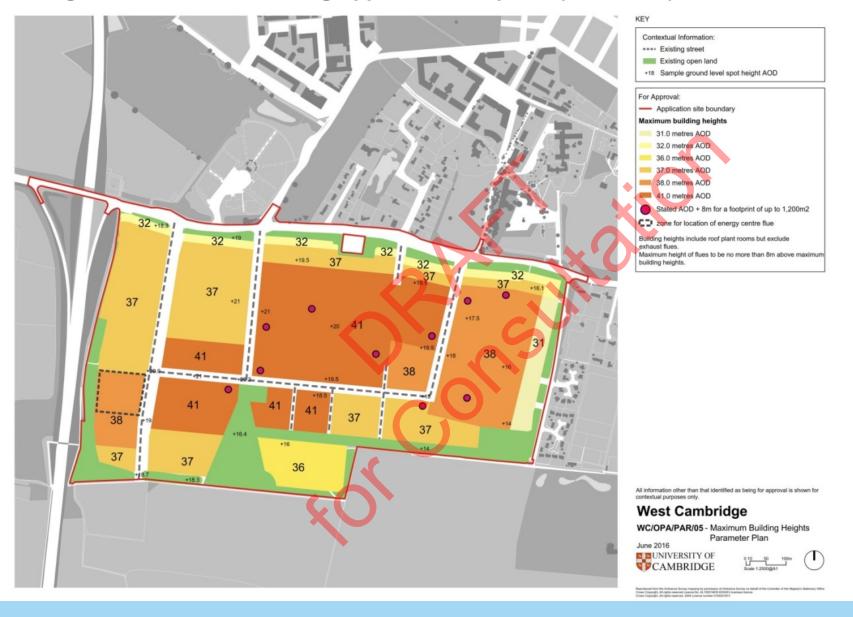
Illustrative Masterplan

- The team has held a number of workshops/meetings with Cambridge City Council and others to address comments raised on the following topics:
 - 1. Heights and Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
 - 2. Trees and Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)
 - 3. Traffic and Transport
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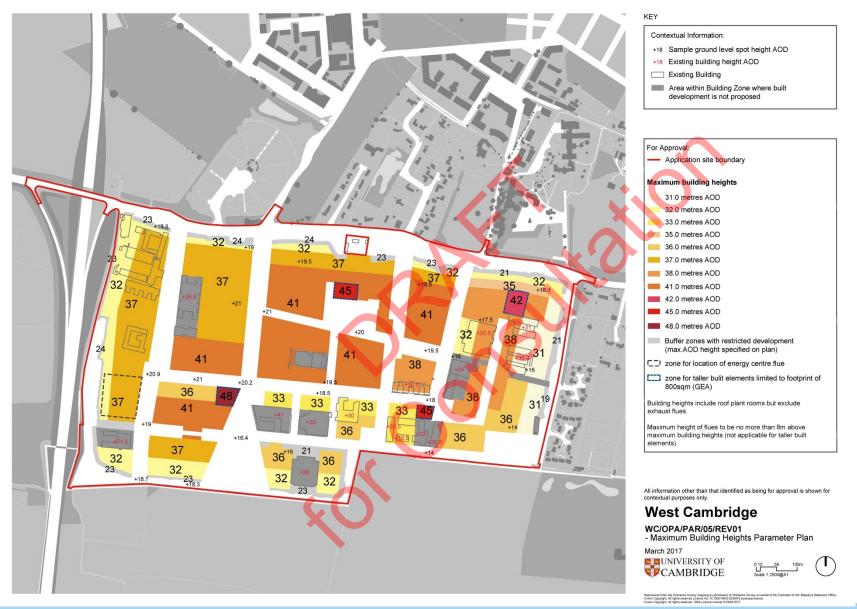
Height Parameters

- We have reviewed the height parameters in discussion with Cambridge City Council and have:
 - reduced the number of taller elements from 10 to 4, with reduced heights from 49m to 45m; to 48m, 45m and 42m (AOD)
 - reduced the heights along the southern edge by up to 5m
 - reduced the height along the eastern edge by between 2m and 4m
 - added a 32m AOD setback zone along the western edge
 - reduced the height along Charles Babbage Road by between 4m and 8m

Height Parameters – Planning Application Proposal (June 2016)



Height Parameters – Draft Amended Proposal



Viewpoint 6 – Wilberforce Road – Submitted (June 2016) view



Viewpoint 6 – Wilberforce Road – Submitted (June 2016) view with new LiDAR Data



Viewpoint 6 – Wilberforce Road – Revised heights with new LiDAR Data





Viewpoint 7 – Dane Drive – Submitted (June 2016) view with new LiDAR Data



Viewpoint 7 – Dane Drive – Revised heights with new LiDAR Data



Tree Retention

- We have:
 - Reconsidered potential for retention of existing trees onsite - revised Tree Retention Plan

 Identified appropriate buffer zones between existing trees and the proposed built development

Woodland Management Plan

- •We have:
 - Prepared & agreed a management plan to ensure long term success of woodland planting around edge of site

2. Trees and Arboricultural Impact Assessment

AIA

 A revised AIA will be submitted as part of the planning resubmission.

Clearly identifies which trees must be retained & their appropriate buffer zones and which trees could be removed following consultation with Cambridge City officers at reserved matters stage

Design Guidelines

 Design Guidelines has been reviewed and revised to make it clearer which existing trees will be retained

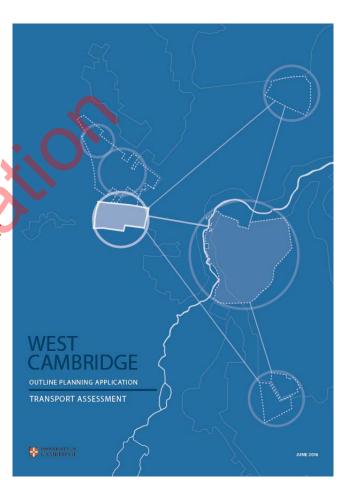


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Transport Strategy

The University has:

- Met on a regular basis with the Joint Authorities to review the Transport Assessment and its transport modelling basis
- Reviewed and applied the results of the on-site surveys commissioned to provide additional supporting information
- Provided other further information as required to support the West Cambridge modelling work
- Attended a workshop to agree the on-site pedestrian / cyclist provision with a range of City and County Council officers



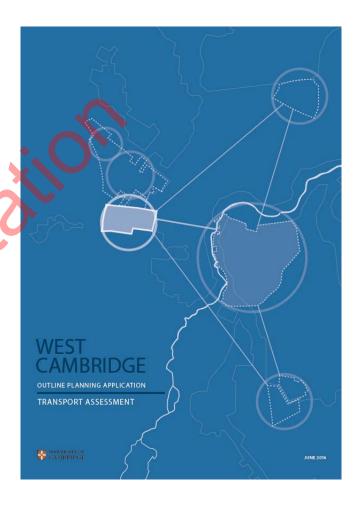
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Transport Strategy - Progress

Moving forward, the University will:

- Continue to attend further meetings with the Joint Authorities to progress towards agreement
- Respond to requests for further information relating to the 2031 future year assessment

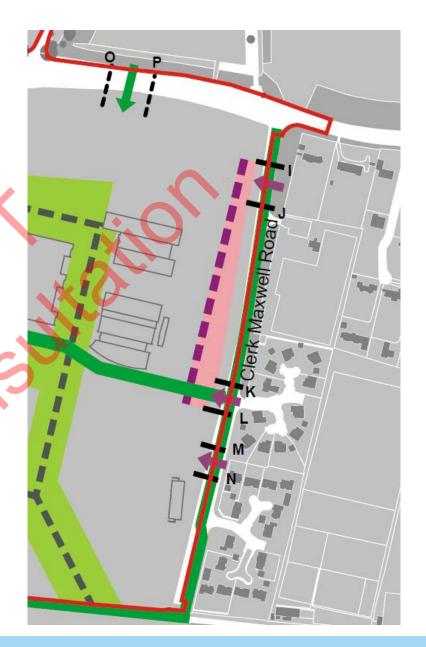
 Reissue the Application documentation as stages have been discussed and agreed, for City / County Council approval



3. Traffic and Transport

Access / Servicing from Clerk Maxwell Road

- We are considering reducing the size (capacity) of the proposed multi-storey car park off CMR
- We are clarifying access/servicing proposals:
 - These access points are for servicing / access to buildings east of JJ Thomson Avenue only - will not provide any through routes to the wider site
- Planning consent is sought for:
 - Access/egress I-J
 - Egress K-L to provide flexibility (egress only). The University will confirm at Reserved Matters whether or not K-L is required.
 - Access/egress M-N will only be implemented with redevelopment of the current Cavendish site (longer term)



3. Traffic and Transport

Drainage / Flood Risk

 We have held discussion with City Council officers regarding the proposed Drainage Strategy

 Drainage Strategy and Revised Flood Risk Assessment accepted by City & County Councils



Sustainability / Energy

- Support from City Council for University's bespoke Sustainability Framework
- Planning conditions suggested to guide sustainability of future detailed proposals
- Refined Energy Strategy to consider alternative approaches for low carbon energy



Onsite Amenities

- Planning application included an 'Amenities Delivery Strategy' setting out proposed approach to delivering enhanced amenities
- University is committed to early delivery of a Shared Amenities Hub
- Pre-application discussions have commenced in relation to Shared Facilities Hub



Parameter Plans and Statements

Refinements to parameter plans following review with City Council to:

> Clarity: ensure all of the Plans show proposed block structure and open space.

Provide buffer zones to protect the woodland edges.



East Forum (Mandatory location)

(Indicative boundary)

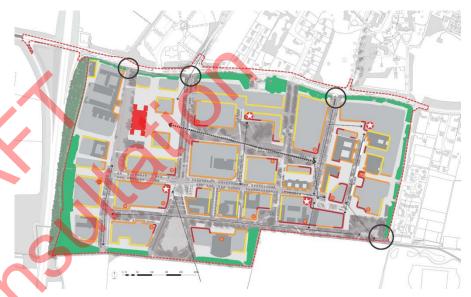
Design Guidelines

 Refinement to Design Guidelines following review with City Council to:

> Provide greater clarity on mandatory elements

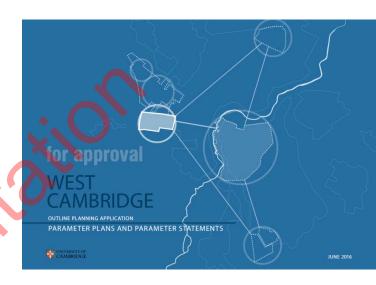
> Provide greater clarity over essential design elements to control

 Simplify the Guidelines to improve readability, including removal of some 'non-mandatory' material.



Planning Application Resubmission

- A revised planning application is to be submitted late spring 2017
- This will be subject to further public/ stakeholder consultation in late spring/ early summary 2017
- The application resubmission package is expected to include:
 - revised Parameter Plans and Statements
 - revised Design Guidelines
 - Design and Access Statement Addendum
 - revised Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
 - revised Transport Assessment
 - revised Arboricultural Impact Assessment
 - Flood Risk Assessment Addendum
 - Heritage Assessment





Questions / Discussion