

The Application

If the planning application gets the green light, MMU will be investing £120 million in a highly environmentally-sustainable development, which will reduce the carbon footprint of our current operation by 60%. The University would also be obliged to operate a green travel plan which aims to minimise car use.

The campus would herald changes in local services, such as:

- improved public transport
- residents parking zone around the campus

The elements of the scheme which are finalised are:

- The academic building
- Multi-storey car park
- Landscaping around the academic building and car park
- Energy Centre

The remainder of the application is in outline only. Buildings and the layout may change through detailed design or according to future need. For instance only 500 student rooms will be built in the first phase. Although we are applying for outline permission to build 1,200, this figure represents the maximum number and could be significantly reduced if demand falls.

Have your say

If you would like to learn more about the planning application, we will be visiting the following venues near you soon. You will be able to ask questions and make your comments to representatives of MMU and the design team ahead of Manchester City Council's formal consultation process – we hope to see you there!

November 26, Friday – Asda Superstore, 12 – 8pm

Nov 27, Sat - Dec 03, Fri – Hulme Library, Opening Hours
The Library will exhibit designs and plans throughout the week

November 29, Monday – Hulme Community Garden Centre, 12 – 4pm

December 01, Wednesday – Aquarius Community Centre, 1 – 5pm

December 03, Friday – Zion Arts Centre, 2 – 6pm



A view from the Stretford Road of student residences and the campus beyond.

Complete and return the attached questionnaire before December 10 2010 and you will be entered into a prize draw to win 1 of 5 prizes of £100 ASDA vouchers.

Who is supporting Birley Fields?

MMU has developed a broad partnership of local agencies and organisations who are working together to support the project. These include Manchester City Council, Manchester Corridor Partnership, Manchester NHS, Job Centre Plus, Loreto College, Webster Primary School supported by Manchester City Council, South Manchester Housing Trust, local residents and others.

This newsletter has been distributed to 7,500 homes in Hulme.

All the latest information including the plans, frequently asked questions and a space to leave comments is available on the University's Birley website www.mmu.ac.uk/birleyfields



New Employment and Skills Centre

- Did you know that Manchester's two universities have filled more than 500 vacancies in the past two years by targeting unemployed people resident in neighbouring communities?
- Recruiting locally is set to take on even greater priority via a new Employment and Skills Centre on Alexandra Road – formerly the housing office.
- City South Housing Trust has donated the building and is working with Serco, Standguide and Manchester Corridor partners (the Universities, City Council and Central Manchester Hospitals Trust) to create the new service.
- The Corridor says the facility will “be a means of engaging workless people, raising their expectations and skills levels and delivering pre and post recruitment training.” Negotiations are underway to involve other employers, notably in the retail and hospitality sector.
- Since 2008, the two universities have filled 564 temporary and permanent vacancies, 92% of which have been filled by people unemployed for at least six months, 35.5% of which were drawn from black and minority ethnic communities.
- “Birley Fields will give us the opportunity to offer construction jobs and apprenticeships in partnership with the appointed contractors,” said a Corridor spokesperson.
- Around 280 new jobs will be created as a result of the £29m of additional spending per year anticipated in the area's local businesses and shops as a result of the Birley Fields development.

Contacts

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If you would like to keep up to date with the progress of the Birley Fields campus, go to www.mmu.ac.uk/birleyfields or email us at birleyfields@mmu.ac.uk. Alternatively you can write to Birley Fields, Marketing and Communications, Manchester Metropolitan University, Bellhouse Building, Lower Ormond Street, Manchester M15 6BX.

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