



PART 6

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

This Masterplan study has identified the strategic objectives for the campus external realm that will contribute towards the further growth and prosperity of the University of Sheffield, and which in turn will contribute to the social and economic prosperity of the City. These are: Identity, Integration, Cohesion, Growth, Positive Movement, a Sustainable Campus, Green Space and Learning Space.

The study has identified the opportunities and constraints that exist within the existing campus, and how these prompt responses towards delivering the strategic objectives.

These responses have in turn been shaped into design strategies for delivering a unique and unified external realm: one that speaks of the home city of Sheffield and of a world class academic institution. Critically the aim has been to create a sense of place; for fun, relaxation, study or exercise - for students, staff, the wider community and visitors to the University.

The Masterplan embeds the City's vision for cohesion and connection in the city, and is underpinned by proposals to extend the Gold Route from its current termination on Devonshire Street all the way to Weston Park via a series of transformed public spaces.

The Masterplan recognises the imperative need to resolve the fragmentation of the campus, due to highways infrastructure, and makes recommendations that can re-order the existing priority of vehicles over pedestrians and cyclists, and in doing so reconnect the University Quarter.

The Masterplan outlines strategies that can create an urban and green campus.

The Masterplan also opens the enquiry into the need for development sites to meet the Science Faculty requirements. In parallel the study recognises the weaknesses of the Hounsfield Favell site in terms of urban and campus realm quality, and proposes the introduction of a significant public space on this site, at the heart of the campus. Moving forward, the Hounsfield Favell site should be assessed in more detail for its development potential, and thus the potential to strengthen the density and character of this strategically important site.

Finally, the Masterplan makes recommendations for the priority of delivering external realm projects. Early phase projects will look to transform the weakest aspect of the existing public realm and deliver the most value in terms of a campus experience for all.



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