

Welcome

Welcome to our consultation event to explain and seek feedback on the University of Southampton's proposals for improvement and development of the main campus for Winchester School of Art.

We are investing in the campus to create an environment that:

- Provides students and staff with modern-fit for purpose learning spaces
- Enables world-class research to take place
- Encourages and promotes access for all users
- Consolidates existing vehicular access to the campus through the existing entrance on North Walls
- Provides a new high quality education building
- Provides attractive landscaped spaces and increased biodiversity

This consultation provides an update on the development proposals following the previous consultation event held on 16 July 2025, which explained the early design concepts. The proposals have now been further developed taking account of feedback which was received. The following updates have been made to the scheme:

- ✓ The design of the new education building has been further developed to provide an attractive addition to the campus
- ✓ A comprehensive site-wide landscaping scheme, including new tree planting, is proposed which will provide new accessible routes into the site for visitors
- ✓ The design of the site access has been refined to provide a consolidated entrance for all cars and servicing vehicles
- ✓ Parking layouts have been further consolidated to improve the layout and operation of the campus
- ✓ A range of measures have been incorporated to promote sustainability, including installation of photovoltaic panels to provide renewable energy, and increased biodiversity



University of Southampton and Winchester's community

You may not be aware, but the University of Southampton is already active within the community in Winchester.

The Winchester Gallery

The Gallery hosts 6–8 public shows per year.



Winchester Hat Fair

We have supported the Winchester Hat Fair with space and technical resources.



Winchester Fashion Week

WSA collaborates with the Winchester Bid on Winchester Fashion Week.



Alongside the above events we also:

- support the Theatre Royal's 'Playmakers' youth group, who use space here twice each week
- run an art and design Saturday club for 13–16 year olds as part of the national Saturday club programme
- run our own after-school art club for local young people
- collaborate on the delivery of Winchester Green Week
- provide student design teams to work with local retailers to design store front windows and other points of display

As long as we are in the city, we'll look to continue our great relationship with local people and organisations.

Winchester School of Arts

The main campus at Park Avenue is located to the east of Winchester City Centre, approximately a 10-minute walk from Winchester Station.



Capital House

The University is currently bringing forward the refurbishment of Capital House to provide new education facilities in the heart of Winchester. The building will be used primarily for creative technologies, including studios, labs and workspace.

Main Campus

The main campus provides a range of education functions related to art, design and textiles including workshops, studios and labs, gallery, student union, library and food and drink facilities.

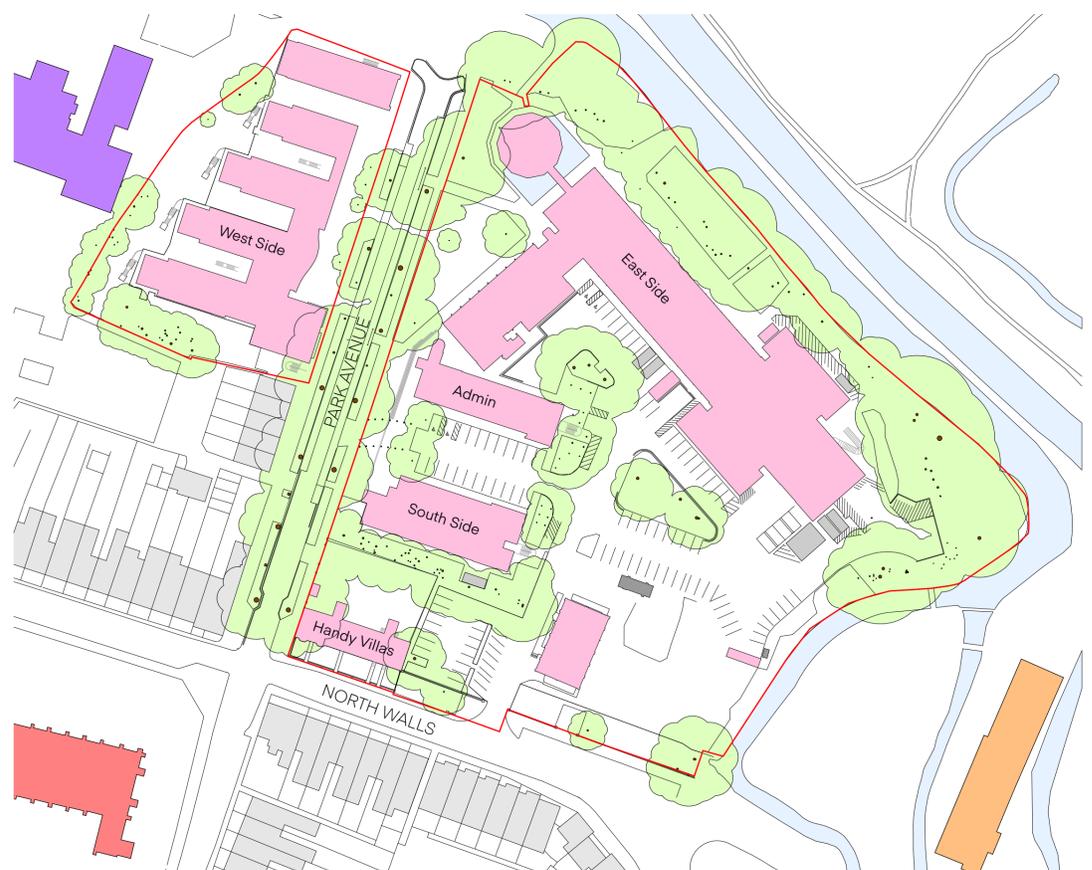
Existing Campus

The Campus is formed of two parts which are bisected by Park Avenue. The West Side building currently accommodates studios and gallery functions. To the east there are three principal buildings – the East Side Building which includes the canteen, a central administration building and the South Building.

The site includes former residential properties at 37-41 Handy Villas which are located at the south west corner of the Campus at the junction of North Walls and Park Avenue.

The area at the south east part of the campus was formerly a Police Station, which has been demolished. The University purchased the police station property with the intention of developing the site in the future for education uses.

-  Residential
-  Educational: WSA
-  Educational: Primary school
-  Religious
-  Charity



Site Context

The site has a tributary of the River Itchen on its east boundary, beyond which is Durngate public car park. Residential properties are to the south on the opposite side of North Walls and to the west. Winnall Moors Nature Reserve and River Park Leisure Centre are located to the north of the campus.

There are existing mature trees within and along the boundaries of the site, notably along Park Avenue and the north-eastern

edge of the site, within Winnall Moors Nature Reserve.

The south western corner of the site, occupied by Handy Villas, is within Winchester City Conservation Area.

Nos' 40 and 41 North Walls, forming part of Handy Villas, are Grade II Listed buildings.

Located to the south west of the campus is the Church of the Holy Trinity which is a Grade II* Listed building.



Development Principles

The development proposals will provide new and refurbished accommodation to meet the school's space requirements, together with extensive new landscaping to create an attractive and welcoming environment for all visitors.

Scope of Proposed Works

1. External landscaping and new entrance
2. Handy Villas retained
3. Refurbishment and alteration to ground floor of South Building
4. Consolidated car parking and single vehicular access from Noth Walls
5. New education building at heart of the campus
6. External landscaped courtyard in place of existing car parking
- 7a Refurbishment of existing canteen
- 7b Refurbishment and alteration of ground floor of Admin Building
- 8 Library refurbishment
- 9 Relocation of creative services to new building and creation of eTextiles laboratory
- 10 Galley refurbishment



Design Principles

- Improving access to and from the site for pedestrians and vehicles
- Achieving greater connectivity throughout the campus
- Improved legibility and wayfinding
- Creating safe, secure and welcoming new open spaces
- High quality hard and soft landscaping, contributing to increased biodiversity
- High quality and attractive buildings that will enhance the appearance of the campus
- Sustainable, flexible and adaptable buildings



Site Layout

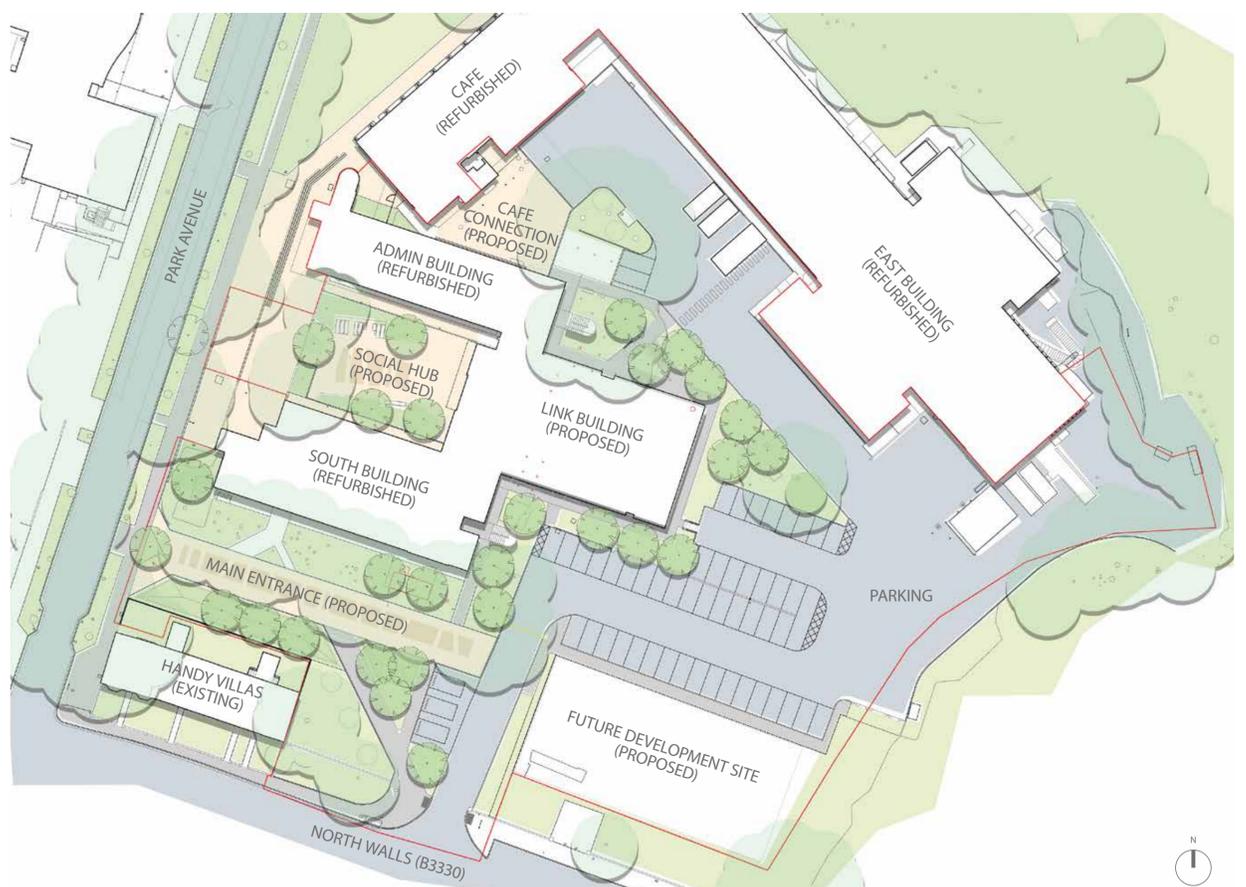
Character Areas

-  Social Hub
-  Cafe Connection
-  Park Avenue Plaza
-  Main Entrance
-  Events Space
-  Parking
-  Site boundary



General Arrangement

-  Existing trees - Retained
-  Proposed Trees
-  Shrub planting
-  Grassland
-  Feature paving
-  Pedestrian access - Primary
-  Pedestrian access - Secondary
-  Vehicle access

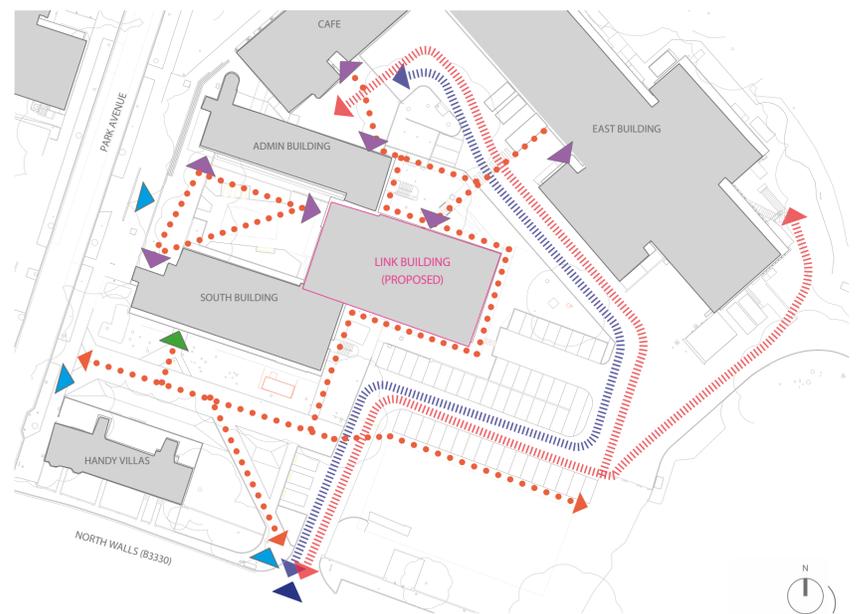


Access and Parking

There are currently two vehicular entrances to the site, from Park Avenue and from North Walls. Park Avenue is currently used as the main vehicular access to the school. This provides access to the existing car parking between the Administration and South Side Buildings.

The proposal is to remove the vehicular access from Park Avenue and retain a single entrance and exit on North Walls. Improved pedestrian access and connections will be provided.

-  Site access - Pedestrian
-  Site access - Vehicle
-  Building access - Principal
-  Building access - Secondary
-  Circulation - Pedestrian
-  Circulation - Vehicles
-  Circulation - Fire tender



North Walls Entrance

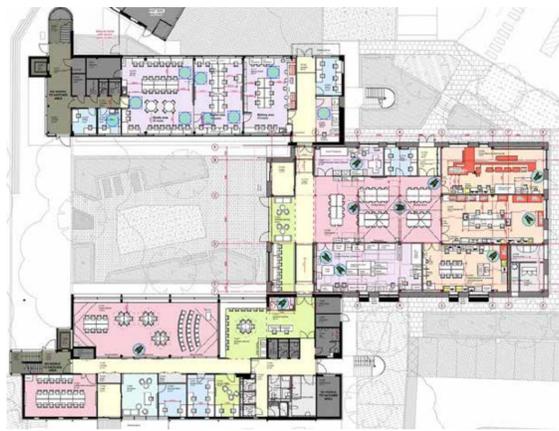


New Building Proposal

A new single storey education building is proposed within the heart of the campus. This space will be used for teaching and learning. The building will be linked to the existing Admin and South Side buildings to provide connected spaces. The building would be flexible and adaptable to meet the school's future space needs.



Proposed Block Plan



Proposed Ground Floor Plan



Internal View

Appearance



Proposed West Elevation



Proposed South Elevation

Precedents



Landscaping

The development proposals will include new hard and soft landscaping to create attractive and inviting spaces and to support biodiversity net gain across the campus.

A welcoming new landscaped space will be created at the pedestrian entrances to the site from North Walls. This will enhance the arrival experience for all students and visitors to the campus.

Some existing trees will be removed, and replacement trees will be planted to provide an overall increase in biodiversity across the campus.

Landscape Strategy

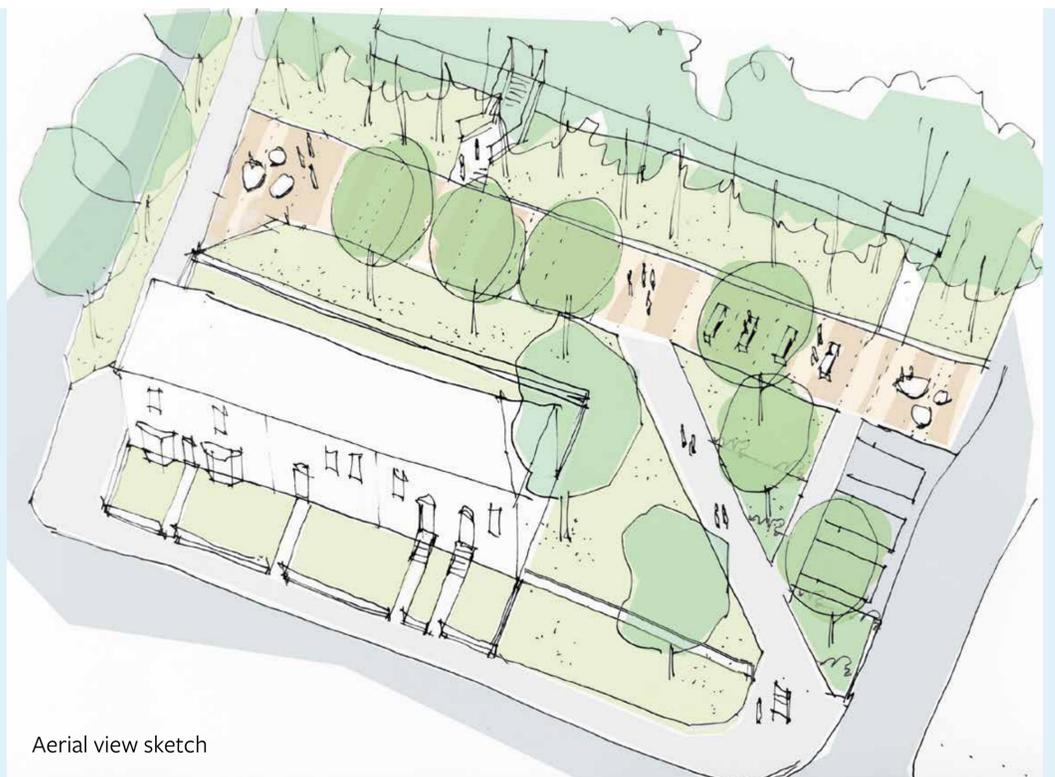
-  Existing trees (retained)
-  Existing trees (removed)
-  Enhanced understorey
-  Trees - large
-  Trees - medium
-  Trees - small
-  Hedge - ornamental
-  Shrub / herbaceous
-  Wildflower grassland
-  Amenity grassland
-  Bulbs - spring-flowering
-  Existing sparse vegetation



Main Entrance



Illustrative images



Aerial view sketch

Views

South Side Entrance



Existing view



Proposed view

Central Courtyard



Existing view



Proposed view

Next Steps and Programme

Thank you for engaging with the University of Southampton’s plans for the Winchester School of Art campus.

Following this exhibition the University intends to finalise and submit a planning application to Winchester City Council in March 2026.

Timeline

March 2026	June 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q2 2027
Submission of planning application	Anticipated planning determination	Planned start of minor refurbishment works	Planned start of main development works	Anticipated completion of development

Feedback

We would love to hear your thoughts our proposals for improvement of the campus. Please either fill in a form at today’s event or email your comments to EstateDevelopment@soton.ac.uk



These boards will be available to view online at www.southampton.ac.uk/winchester-exhibition

