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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: University College London Campus Development

Project Number: 2014-0639
Country: United Kingdom

Project Description: The project will finance the first phase of the UCL East campus

totalling 50 000 m2 which will be a multi-discipline campus fostering innovation, new insights and new industries. This new campus will include a Centre for Experimental Engineering, a School of Design; laboratories; innovation hubs and research centres. The project will also finance the renovations and extensions of certain faculties and buildings

on the existing Bloomsbury campus.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

The University College of London (UCL) owns and operates a number of academic buildings as well as student residences. The project concerns the first phase of the UCL capital plan: (i) extension and renovation works on the Bloomsbury Campus in central London and (ii) the development of the new UCL East Campus in Queen Elizabeth Park.

The project sites situated in existing campus areas were already within respective city and regional plans. Some listed buildings were subject to consent by the local authorities. The listed Historical buildings directly affected by the proposals were Kathleen Lonsdale Building (Grade 2), Wilkins Terrace, Lower Refectory and Bloomsbury Theatre (Grade 1). Bentham House (Grade 2) obtained the Listed Building Consent (LBC) for the proposed alterations.

The Promoter confirmed that none of the sub-projects required an EIA.

At the time of appraisal, the Promoter's strategy was to target a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) Excellent level for all new Public buildings projects over GBP 1 m. This strategy was applied to the Project components financed by this operation.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the Promoter, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.