

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	University of Leicester
Project Number:	2012-0270
Country:	United Kingdom
Project Description:	Capex investment programme dedicated to the development and refurbishment of the University of Leicester's campus.
EIA required:	Yes
	One sub-project was falling under the Annex II of the EIA Directive and an Environmental Impact Analyse has been done by the Promoter. The Non-Technical Summary (NTS) was transmitted to the Bank and published on website.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The University currently owns and operates a number of academic buildings as well as student residences. Council Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not specifically mention education activities, however if it is an urban development, Annex II/III of the EIA Directive could apply. The need of an EIA will be decided by the competent authority for the future sub-projects.

The project subject to an EIA was falling under the Annex II due to fact that it is part of an urban development plan.

After analysis of environmental and social aspects, the project is acceptable to the bank.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Historical Buildings

"Listing" is the formal mechanism by which certain buildings are identified as being of particular historic or architectural interest. Listing is not a preservation order, and it does not prevent buildings from being altered, extended or demolished. If a building is listed, it is necessary to obtain 'Listed Building Consent' (LBC) before carrying out alteration, extension or demolition.

The only buildings directly affected by the proposals are the College Hall (MTC), the Engineering Building and the Charles Wilson Building (CWB). Those buildings are listed and it will be necessary to obtain LBC for the proposed alterations. It was estimated during the appraisal that their value, which is about 34% of the project costs, is enough to make them eligible under sustainable communities (cultural heritage).

BREEAM

The new buildings will be rated "excellent" and the renovated either "excellent" or "very good" according to the BREEAM classification.

CO2 Emissions

The anticipated carbon savings for the investment projects were estimated by the promoter to be at least 166 tonnes CO2 per annum. The new facilities will create additional CO2 emissions that will be over compensated by the reduction of emissions of the refurbished buildings.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

The Promoter will ensure compliance with national and European environmental and nature regulations and facilitate the access by the public to environmentally relevant information in accordance with the Bank's Transparency Policy.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Energy Efficiency

About 20% of the investment is dedicated to energy efficiency through the insulations reinforcement for projects that are going to be renovated. New constructions are following the new standards of energy efficiency on an acceptable level.