

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON CAMPUS DEPLOYMENT
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.

EIA required: to be defined

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

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 are already within respective city and regional plans. Some listed buildings are subject to consent.

The new UCL East Campus implements the London Legacy Development Corporation's mission to transform and integrate one of the most challenged areas in the UK into world-class, sustainable and thriving neighbourhoods.

The project aims to achieve well-trained undergraduate and postgraduate students, an expanded research capacity with a focus on applicability of results, and a sustainable and value driven contribution towards economic development.

Universities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU however the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The Bank's services will verify during implementation the decision of the Competent Authority.

In the light of the above, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

BREEAM strategy

Objective: all new or refurbished buildings projects are targeted to BREEAM Excellent level or very good.

Historical Building

The listed buildings directly affected by the proposals are Kathleen Lonsdale Building (Grade 2), Wilkins Terrace, Lower Refectory and Bloomsbury Theatre (Grade 1) and Bentham House (Grade 2) and have needed to obtain LBC for the proposed alterations.

Social Aspects

The benefits of the project derive from the increased scope in achieving well-trained undergraduate and postgraduate students, an expanded research capacity with a focus on applicability of results, and a sustainable and value driven contribution towards economic development. The benefits from the project also include monetary and non-monetary returns accruing to improved skills, higher labour productivity, and income premia leading to increased life-time earnings.

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.

The Project is supported by the Legacy Corporation , Formed in April 2012, the London Legacy Development Corporation's purpose is to use the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of the London 2012 Games

The London Legacy Development Corporation responsible for delivering one of the most important Olympic legacy promises made in the original London 2012 Games bid. This pledge concerns the physical legacy of the Games – the long-term planning, development, management and maintenance of the Park and its impact on the surrounding area after the London 2012 Games.

It is part of the Legacy Corporation task to transform and integrate one of the most challenged areas in the UK into world-class, sustainable and thriving neighbourhoods.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Kathleen Lonsdale Building project will affect the Kathleen Lonsdale Building (KLB) and the Gower St Health Centre and will allow the Faculty of Maths and Physical Sciences to house its key activities including the major component of the Department of Earth Sciences, the Astrophysics group of Physics & Astronomy and synthetic and nano-chemistry programmes of the Chemistry Department. The promoter has given evidence that the following EU Directives are respected:

- 2010/63/EU (animals)
- 2012/18/EU (hazards/dangerous substances)
- 2005/28/EC (good chemical practice/medicinal products)