

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>City of Glasgow College PPP</i>
Project Number:	<i>2012- 0242</i>
Country:	<i>United Kingdom</i>
Project Description:	<i>The project concerns the construction and operation of a new campus for City of Glasgow College on existing college land in the Glasgow city centre and on the banks of the River Clyde using the NPD (Non-Profit Distributing) procurement model.</i>
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

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

The project concerns investments in modernisation, partial re-built and building extension of the City of Glasgow College. The project is not expected to have any negative impacts on the environment, while the expected benefits (regeneration) are expected to bring significant positive impacts on the area.

The project falls under Annex II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU under “urban development” and thus an EIA is normally required. However, in this case, Glasgow City Council has formally confirmed that EIA is not required. Decision 09/03077/DC of 4 March 2010.

The key issue is the presence of asbestos in buildings designated for demolition. Demolition will be carried out after a detailed asbestos survey and careful removal. The whole process is required to be highly controlled.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project components comply with national and EU legislation.

The environmental analysis carried out by Atkins in 2009 established that environmental considerations presented a mix of constraints and opportunities for the campus development and that the majority of the environmental issues were likely to be a mixture of non-significant adverse and beneficial effects.

The main environmental concern is the impact of demolition and disposal of selected existing buildings (asbestos detected) and potential air pollution and noise generated during construction.

During demolition and subsequent construction the Project Concessionaire shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the following regulations and codes:

1. The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012;
2. The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009;

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

3. The Approved Code of Practices issued by the Health and Safety Executive;
4. All guidance notes and booklets issued by the Health and Safety Executive; and
5. The College's Asbestos Management Plan.

The project involves the construction and modernisation of buildings on an existing campus and is not expected to generate higher levels of traffic in an already urbanised area. Anyhow, due to the location near the centre of Glasgow, the sites are well connected to public transport.

The project is not located near any Natura 2000 sites; this is confirmed in Glasgow City Council's Environmental Report of October 2011.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

Public consultation is a key element of the development plan process. There are various opportunities for the public to comment on the emerging campus development plans. The campus website has contact details of the members of the management project team.

The statutory minimum requirement for consultation is set out in the national legislation. The new campus supports a wide range of priorities and policies for the Scottish Government, the Scottish Funding Council and Glasgow City Council.

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