



West Park

Public information session

Wednesday 6 May 2026



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Welcome

Thank you for attending this evening.

We will share the following information with you:

- Updates following the information session in December
- Project progress and key activities
- Construction mitigations and landscaping plans
- Social value and communications

Please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/westpark for the latest project updates.



Introductions

University of Exeter

- James Hutchinson, Director of Estates Services
- Robin Holloway, Assistant Director, Capital Development
- Elizabeth Rogers, Project Manager
- Julia Richards, Communications Manager
- Beverley Thornton, Communications Officer

UPP and Bouygues UK

- Sue Williams, UPP, Senior Project Manager
- Jonathan Webster, Bouygues UK, Production Lead



Updates following the session in December

Request	Action
Improving road crossings	The zebra crossing on Clydesdale Avenue has been resprayed and a new permanent crossing has been installed to improve safety in the area.
Road and traffic management	Continue to review and improve traffic management in the area and in particular on Streatham Drive. Traffic marshals have been located at the bottom on Streatham Drive and Prince of Wales Road. Traffic lights and footpath diversions have been in place. We have allocated holding points for large vehicles around Exeter to minimise congestion to the site.
Lighting on site and in the area	Lighting has been installed on site on timers and on the hoarding for safety. We are making improvements to the street lighting at Birks Grange to minimise the glare for local residents.
National Grid replanting	We are in discussion with the National Grid on the potential replanting in the area.
Landscaping	We will share information on the landscaping plans later in the presentation.

Updates following the session in December continued

Request	Action
Arboretum pathway improvements	<p>The arboretum footpath is open below Clydesdale Avenue to provide an alternative walking route. With the wet weather conditions this winter, Bouygues UK have increased the drainage on the path and are considering improvements to ensure it remains stable and to reduce waterlogging. Lighting has been installed on the pathway.</p> <p>We are looking into the feasibility of installing CCTV to the arboretum pathway.</p>
Temporary contractor's carpark	<p>We previously communicated that Bouygues UK were constructing a contractors car park on Higher Hooper Lane on Streatham Campus. Following a review of contractor car parking, Bouygues UK are now securing a space at Exeter St David's station area.</p> <p>Colleagues and sub-contractors are encouraged to make use of sustainable travel options to reduce the number of cars travelling to the site area, including car sharing, cycling and public transport.</p>
Local road names and postcodes	<p>We are in discussion with our planning consultant and Exeter City Council and we will consider wayfinding improvements as part of the project.</p>

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Management

As part of the planning application, in 2021 the University and UPP commissioned a Detailed Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Survey and Risk Assessment, by Brimstone Site Investigation Ltd. This provides detailed information on the location of potential UXO's in the area.

Following initial 'desktop' surveys and surface scans of virgin ground, the intrusive surveys involve inserting probes into the ground to detect buried magnetic anomalies prior to excavation and piling. Probing has been underway since October 2025 and will continue across West Park until Summer 2026.

Number of Probes Complete: 821
Number of Probes Remaining: 266 As of April 2026

A watching brief is also in place during excavations for services etc where intrusive probing is not possible.

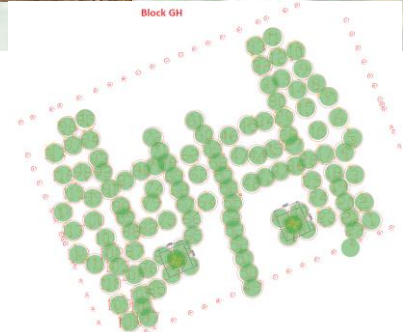


INTRUSIVE UXO SURVEY LOG SHEET

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Date	Serial	Depth of Probing	Survey No.	Depth (m)	Source or Refuge	Comments
09/04/2026	36	n/a	48	3.27m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	37	n/a	47	3.07m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	38	n/a	46	2.72m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	39	n/a	45	2.91m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	40	n/a	44	2.76m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	41	n/a	43	2.79m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	42	n/a	42	2.84m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	43	n/a	41	3.56m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	44	n/a	40	3.83m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	45	n/a	71	1.80m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	46	n/a	72	1.41m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	47	n/a	73	1.73m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	48	n/a	165	2.33m	S	Max Tons Applied
09/04/2026	49	n/a	166	2.59m	S	Max Tons Applied

Block GH



Progress

December:

- Completed the demolition of the 15 buildings at West Park.
- Prepared the pile mat and probed the area ahead of piling at Birks Central Block.
- Installation of the Bouygues UK site cabins and offices in front of Holland Hall.

January:

- Completed all demolition and building material processing.
- Commenced and completed the piling to Birks Central Block.
- Commenced the soil retention adjacent to Holland Hall car park and the platform levels for the piling throughout West Park.
- Continued the building soft strip demolition to Birks A-E Block.
- Drainage installation in both West Park and Birks Grange.

February:

- Continued creating the platform levels for the piling throughout West Park, including UXO probing.
- Commenced piling throughout West Park (both building and retention piles).
- Slab works to Birks Central Block.
- Continued non-structural demolition at Birks A-E Block.
- Drainage diversions continued at Birks / West Park.
- Electricity upgrades to West Park / University campus.



Progress

March:

- Completed the main concrete slab at Birks Central Block.
- Installed the 1st saddle crane at Birks Central Block.
- Completed piling for GH Block at West Park.
- Continued contiguous retaining wall piles throughout West Park.
- Continued soft strip and structural demolition in Birks A-E Block.

April:

- Installed the two cranes for GH Block at West Park.
- Poured the first slab for GH Block.
- Completed 3 x retention pile walls (CP5 / CP6 / KP5).
- Commenced installing frame panels to Birks Central Block.
- Continued structural modifications to Birks A-E Block.



Streatham Drive Footpath

- The pathway construction is now complete and has been opened as of Friday 10 April for pedestrian use.
- Lighting connections to the newly installed streetlamps need to be completed and the University and UPP are in discussion with Devon County Council on when to complete this and the resurfacing that will be required prior to commencing the work.



Contractor Car Parking

We previously communicated that Bouygues UK were constructing a contractors car park on Higher Hoopern Lane on Streatham Campus.

Following a review, Bouygues UK have secured an alternative 90 space car parking area near Exeter St David's station for the duration of the project. A shuttle bus service is likely to be provided for Bouygues UK colleagues to access the site.

Bouygues UK colleagues and their sub-contractors are encouraged to make use of sustainable travel options to reduce the number of cars travelling to the site area, including car sharing, cycling and public transport.



Progress



Drone footage from April 2026 of the West Park site and a timelapse of progress at Birks Grange Central Block

Construction Mitigation Measures

- Bouygues UK are registered with the [Considerate Constructors Scheme](#) (CCS) and we have had our first assessment where the project scored 42 out of 45 (Excellent rating). We are assessed on ensuring we follow the high standards in managing risks, protecting the environment and developing positive relationships with the local community.
- BYUK are constantly reviewing the traffic challenges around the project with new contractors and haulage companies attending site. We have established locations for all our traffic marshals but review this regularly. The traffic marshals will manage the flow of all traffic around the project whilst engaging with the public and workforce throughout the day.
- At the time of induction, all operatives are briefed on the importance of maintaining respect at all times in the work area.
- Dust is dampened down using water guns/sprayers, materials are covered and vehicles are washed before they leave site. The site team have air quality monitors in several prominent locations around the area to regularly review dust particle levels. If the monitors detect high levels of dust in the air, then the site team are alerted, and they will take immediate action.
- We are monitoring dust, noise, and vibration levels at four locations across the site. Vibration levels remain low, and overall, the data shows stable, low fine-particulate concentrations. Noise levels triggered review thresholds four times over the past month; these instances were assessed and mitigated by relocating materials away from the site boundary before breaking them up.
- Following feedback, we have taken further action to reduce noise from the Birks A-E disposal chute, including extra matting and noise barriers.

Future Activity: May – August 2026

May

- Continue soft strip, non-structural demo complete and structural alterations throughout Birks A-E Block.
- Continue Pre-Cast frame to Birks Central Block.
- Complete the ground floor slabs and commence superstructure works to GH Block at West Park.
- Continue 'Cut and Fill' and pile mat formation for remaining West Park Buildings.
- Commence piling to other West Park Blocks.

June

- Continue structural alterations and commence internal fit out.
- Continue Pre-Cast frame installation to Birks Central Block and GH Block at West Park.
- Complete and commence piling on other West Park Blocks.
- Proposed commencement of service installations connecting West Park to Birks Grange, Cardiac Hill.

July and August

- Continue internal fit out and external works to Birks A-E.
- Continue Pre-Cast frame installation to Birks Central Block and GH Block at West Park
- Complete piling on other West Park Blocks.
- Groundworks, drainage and slab works throughout West Park



Construction traffic plan and safety

There will be a lot of construction traffic during the project. We are managing this process through the following:

- All deliveries are pre-booked through a delivery management system to allow a continuous flow of traffic to site, reduce congestion and allow the logistics team to hold vehicles off site until required.
- *Just-In-Time* (JIT) delivery approach are being used to limit material stockpiling and reduce congestion.
- We have several traffic marshals statically positioned around the campus from 0700 until 1800 who are empowered to turn away deliveries and ensure vehicles travel at safe speeds.
- The suspended parking at Streatham Drive will remain until March 2027 to maintain a safe steady flow of deliveries to site.

Landscaping



Birks

- The development will provide an overall biodiversity net gain of 13.5%, creating varied natural habitats.
- We are retaining much of the mature woodland, planting double the amount of hedgerow and over 200 trees.
- The new planting will include a mix of seasonal species to enhance biodiversity, and wildlife habitats will be greatly improved, including the installation of bat, bird and hedgehog boxes, and wood and stone piles to provide further habitats.



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Landscaping

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Detailed spec example

-  Proposed trees (in soft)
400mm topsoil over 600mm sub soil - minimum depths
Refer to NBS Q31:500 to 550
-  Proposed legacy tree
Mixture of conifers and broadleaf species.
Species choice dependent on soil volumes
-  Gravel Strip
300mm width
-  Native hedge
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Native Shrubs
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Grasses Mix
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Shade Mix
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Ornamental and Sensory Mix
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Groundcover Mix
450mm topsoil - minimum depth - over subsoil
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Raingarden/Swale Mix
450mm topsoil - minimum depth over drainage layers
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:135 and Q28:710
-  Climbers
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:420
-  Bulbs
NBS Section Q31 and Q28:425

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Social Value

- Supporting the Empowering Girls Programme across the Tedd Wragg Trust.
- ‘Adopt a School’ Bouygues & Clyst Vale School – partnered up to support students who would like to get into construction, school projects and mentoring.
- Part of the Building Greater Exeter steering group to ensure we support students and those out of work as much as possible. Working collaboratively with other organisations.
- Surpassing our local employment target and continuing our commitment to employ locally.
- Working closely with our supply chain to encourage apprentices, trainees, work experience and volunteering.



Communication

- Regular project updates and videos are available on the webpage: www.exeter.ac.uk/westpark.
- West Park email newsletter was sent to the mailing list in March 2026 and we will continue to share updates at key points during the project.
- Termly updates will be provided at the University Resident Liaison Group.
- We will provide three information sessions per year. The next one will take place around September.
- Bouygues UK have a dedicated Site Liaison Manager; **Amber Gratton-Davey** who can be contacted on 07345 479453.

If you have any queries or if you would like to be added to the West Park mailing list, please email: westpark@exeter.ac.uk





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