

West Park

Public information session

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Welcome

Thank you for attending this evening.

We will share the following information with you:

- Updates following the information session in May
- Project progress and key activities
- UXO progress update
- 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
- Elizabeth Rogers, Project Manager
- Julia Richards, Communications Manager
- Beverley Thornton, Communications Officer

UPP and Bouygues UK

- Sue Williams, UPP, Senior Project Manager
- Dan Thomas, UPP, Head of Construction
- Jerome Magnier, Bouygues UK, Project Director



Updates following the session in May

Request	Action
Road conditions	Road conditions are continuously being monitored by the University of Exeter and West Park Project Team. The damage outside of no.18 & 20 on Streatham Drive has been reported to Devon County Council. This section of the highway is not owned by the UoE and we are unable to complete repairs.
Dust management	This summer, BYUK have installed additional water cannons across site, silt traps in drainage gullies and pressure washing facilities to clean lorries before they leave site. The contractor has completed a large section of tarmacking of their haulage roads within the West Park site; this should provide further mitigation to dust during the installation of the precast panels at West Park.
Road and traffic management	BYUK have installed additional traffic calming signage along Streatham Drive and approaching areas of the Streatham Campus. The speed limit for Prince of Wales Road and the lower section of Streatham Drive is 30mph. Once they reach UoE maintained road this is reduced in areas to between 5mph and 20mph speed limits. Toolbox talks and further engagement with the BYUK supply chain is continually occurring to remind drivers to keep their speed down when traversing these routes.

Updates following the session in May

Request	Action
Streatham Drive lighting	The completion of the connection to the newly installed street lights is planned to be completed in January 2027. Temporary lighting for this area is being looked at to provide suitable coverage until the final connections are completed.
Preventing anti-social behaviour	If you notice anti-social behaviour on our campus and from our students you can report the issue to Estate Patrol: 01392 722222 to respond immediately or email e.patrol@exeter.ac.uk CCTV is in operation across our campus.
Contractor Car Parking	Bouygues UK have secured a 115-space car parking area for their colleagues and sub-contractors near Exeter St David's station for the duration of the project. A mini-bus provides transport for users to and from the site.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Management

We have now completed all UXO probing for the project. No UXOs were identified.

Please note that this does not eliminate all risk whilst excavations continue across the site. Piling was completed in September.

Where there is a risk in line with the UXO mitigation report, a watching brief remains in place during all excavations taking place across the site.



Progress

May:

- Slab complete at Block GH at West Park
- Installation of pre-cast structure for Birks Grange Central Block (CB)
- Continued work on the pile walls at West Park

June:

- Completed 2 out of 3 pile walls across West Park
- Piling complete at Block AD at West Park

July:

- Piling complete at Block LP at West Park

August:

- First to fourth floors constructed at Central Block
- Block GH installation continues
- Slab work begins at Block AD at West Park

September:

- Piling complete at West Park
- Concrete slab complete at Block AD
- Concrete slabs installed at other West Park blocks
- Central Block and first West Park block (GH) commences internal fit out
- Central Block and first West Park structure (GH) complete



Progress



Central Block at Birks Grange Village



Construction of GH Block at West Park

Progress



Footage from early September 2026

Future activity: October 2026-January 2027

October 2026

- Complete concrete slabs for Blocks AD and LP at West Park
- Beginning installation of pre-cast structure for Block AD and LP
- Sub-station construction commences at Birks Grange by Block K
- Some cranes dismantled at Birks Grange and West Park

November 2026

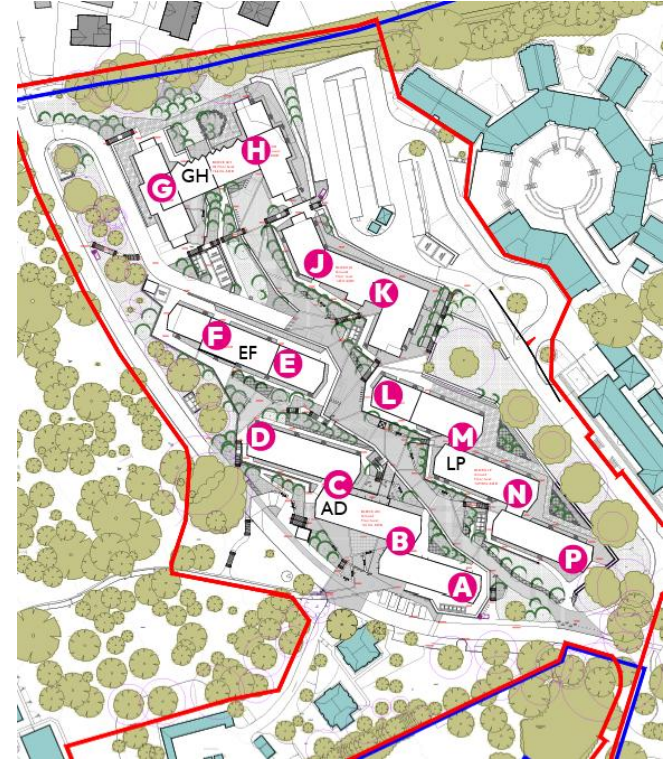
- Pre-cast structure installation continues across site
- Sub-station construction complete at Birks Grange

December 2026

- Installation of pre-cast structure for three buildings at West Park
- Complete concrete foundation for Block EF at West Park

January 2027

- Power-on to Birks Grange Village Block A-E and Central Block (CB)
- Installation of pre-cast superstructure for three buildings at West Park
- Internal fitout for GH (West Park) and CB (Birks Grange) continues
- Internal fit out commences at other West Park blocks



Phase one – opening September 2027

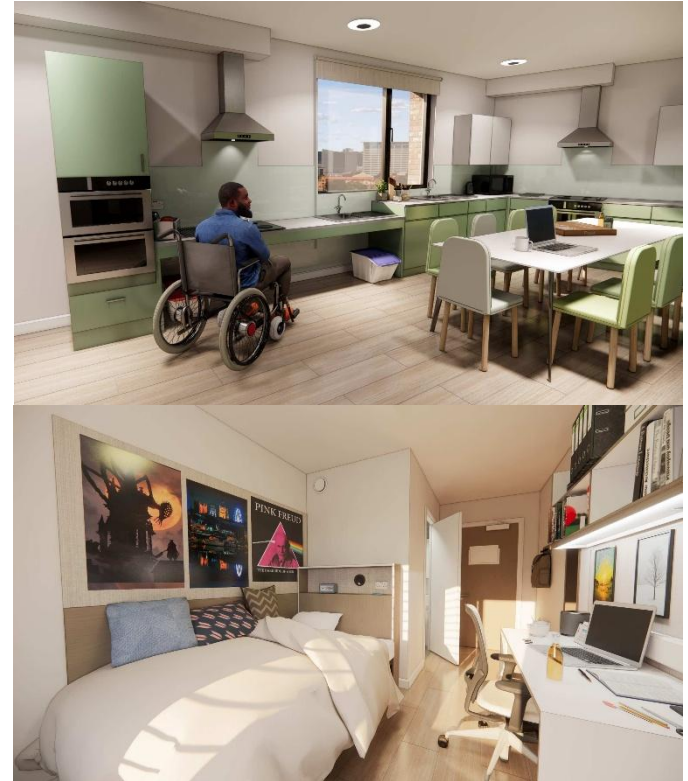
Students will move into the first phase of the accommodation by September 2027, this will include the new Birks Grange Central Block, the refurbished Blocks A-E, and an accommodation block on the West Park site (Block GH).

A total of 618 bedrooms will be available to students as part of this phase. The new shop, alongside study and social space at Birks Grange Village will also open in the 2027/28 academic year.

Central Block (Birks Grange): 160 beds

Blocks A-E (Birks Grange): 290 beds

Block GH (West Park): 168 beds



Modern Methods of Construction

Build more off-site. Install faster on-site.

Concrete Sandwich Panels

Factory-made panels with integrated insulation and pre-formed openings — delivered ready to lift and install.

Windows Installed in Factory

Windows are fitted, aligned and sealed before delivery, improving quality and getting the building weather-tight faster.

Pre-Fabricated External Stairs

Complete stair flights and landings are manufactured off-site and craned into position, reducing site labour and programme time.

The result

Faster build • Better quality • Less site labour
Reduced waste • Safer installation



Social value

Work Experience Students

Over the summer, students from local colleges and schools joined the team to learn about construction and the various career paths available to them.

School Garden project at Newton St Cyres

We are working on the school garden at Newton St Cyres Primary School to create enhanced outdoor learning spaces for students.

Employment Hub in Exeter

In June, we joined Acorn Recruitment to host an employment hub on site. 14 individuals came and had the opportunity to learn about job roles, with a focus on giving individuals the best chance of success for long term employment.



Other activity on campus

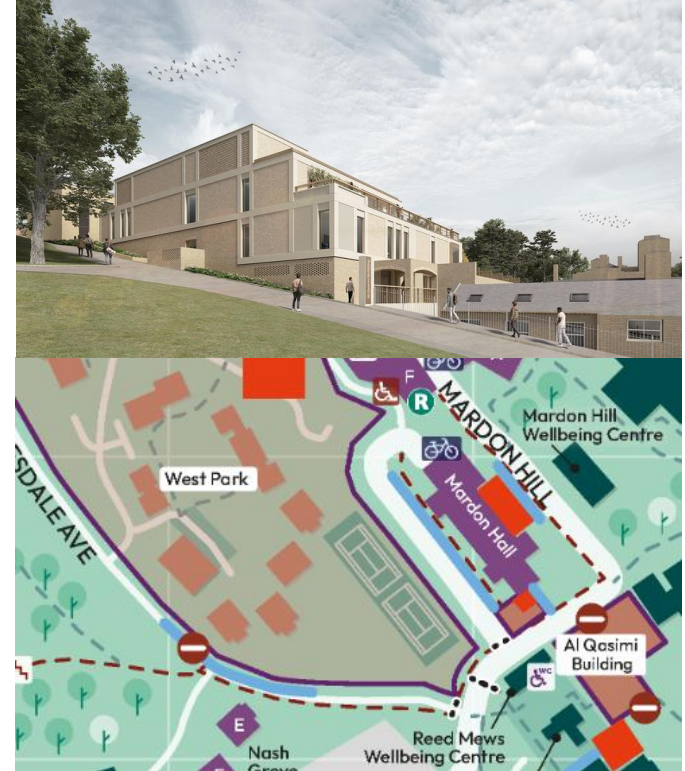
Al Qasimi Building

Construction of the Al Qasimi building, a new research and teaching facility next to the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, started in July 2026 and is expected to complete in the 2028/29 academic year.

Our appointed contractors, Galliford Try, are working closely with the Bouygues UK team to manage the flow of vehicles and traffic marshals are in place. Information can be found at: www.exeter.ac.uk/alqasimi

National Grid replanting

During the summer months of 2026, we repaired a collapsed drain in the area and prepared the ground for replanting. The University Grounds Team expect to plant a meadow seed mix in the area in the autumn, along with two black poplar trees.





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Communication

- Regular project updates and videos are available on the webpage: [**www.exeter.ac.uk/westpark**](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/westpark).
- West Park email newsletter was sent to the mailing list in July 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 early in 2027.
- Our site liaison manager has changed. Please contact Victoria Haddow at [**Victoria.Haddow@bouygues-uk.com**](mailto:Victoria.Haddow@bouygues-uk.com)

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**](mailto:westpark@exeter.ac.uk)



Any Questions?

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