

# West Park

## Public information session

Monday 1 December 2025

# Welcome

Thank you for attending this evening.

We will share the following information with you:

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

Please visit [www.exeter.ac.uk/westpark](http://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
- Alice Boden, Senior Project Manager
- Elizabeth Rogers, Project Manager
- Beverley Thornton, Communications Officer

## UPP and Bouygues UK

- Dan Thomas, UPP, Head of Construction (South and Central)
- Sue Williams, UPP, Senior Project Manager
- Jonathan Webster, Bouygues UK, Construction Director
- Amber Gratton-Davey, Assistant Site Manager



# Updates following the session in August

| Request  | Action   |
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| <b>Manage contractor parking</b>                         | Bouygues UK have designated contractor parking on site and they are creating a temporary car park on Rennes Drive. All contractors and subcontractors are told not to park on local residential streets.   |
| <b>Signage on residential roads to direct deliveries</b> | Construction site deliveries have clear instructions to ensure they make it to site smoothly. Bouygues UK have installed signage in the area and on nearby residential roads to direct deliveries appropriately.   |
| <b>Improve local roads and road names and postcodes</b>  | The University and its consultants continue to work with Devon County Council to improve the quality of local roads and we are considering how we improve road names on campus as part of the development project.   |
| <b>Manage security on site</b>                           | CCTV is being installed this month on the construction site and the University Estates Patrol are on call for security issues. Lighting will be used to support safety in the area. The contractor will consider the position of the lighting to reduce any impact on neighbouring properties. |

# Updates following the session in August continued

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| <b>Site contact details</b> | On site contact details are on the project web page, were in the project email newsletter and noticeboards have been installed.   |
| <b>Demand</b>               | All accommodation is occupied for September 2025-2026. East Park is oversubscribed.   |
| <b>UXO</b>                  | <p>A West Park (including Birks Grange) project insurance policy has been purchased which covers UPP, Bouygues UK, the University of Exeter and its neighbours for any damage to property or injury arising in the event that an Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) is made safe, detonated or explosion of munitions of war occur in or around the West Park project site on Streatham Campus, up to limit of £150m for any one occurrence.</p> <p>It is a condition of the insurance policy that the presence of such munitions does not result from any act of terrorism or a state of war in the UK at the current time.</p> |

# Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Management

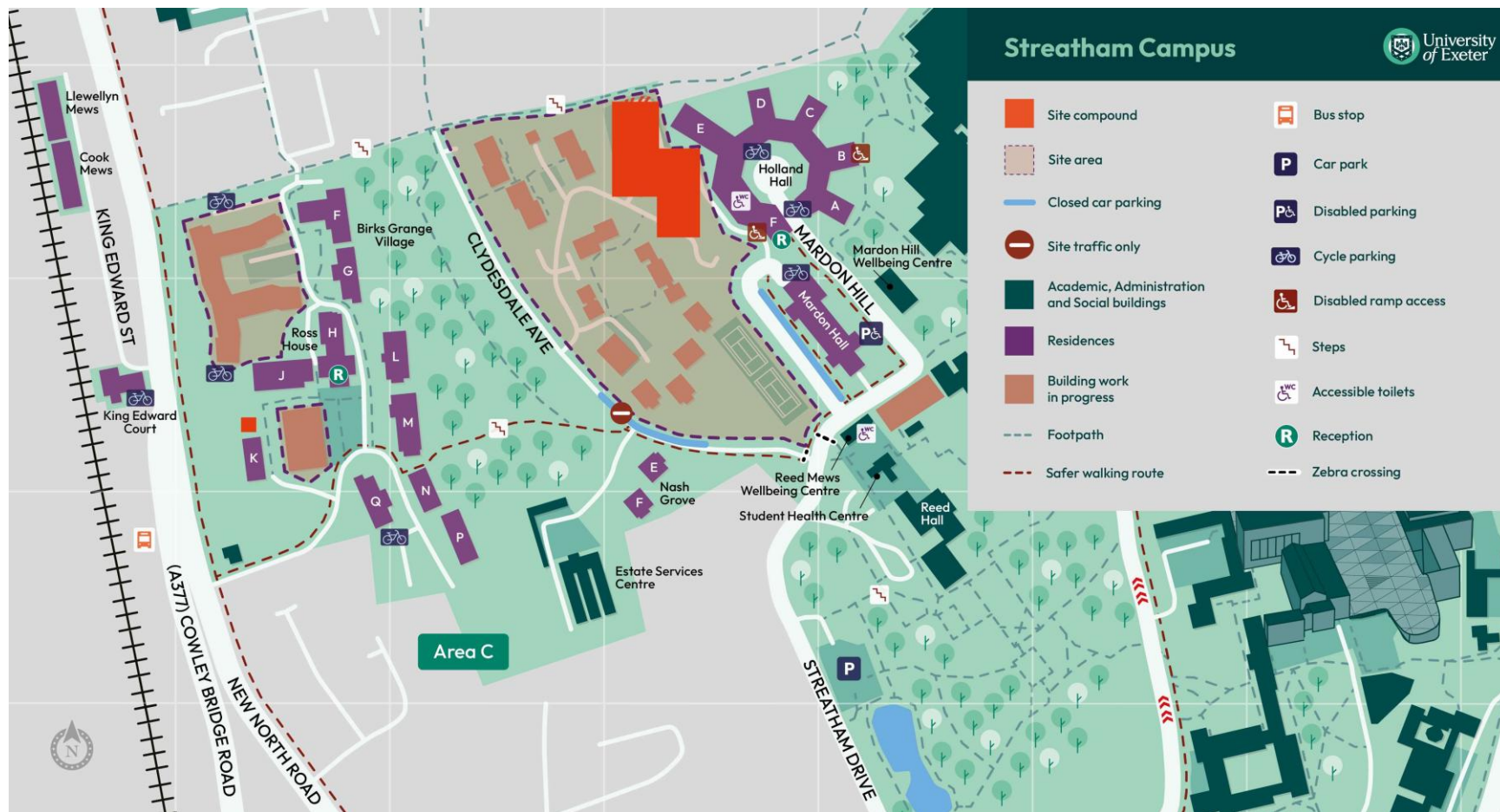
Following discussion at the Information Session in August, a subsequent West Park and Birks Grange Village Unexploded Ordnance Risk Mitigation Plan was commissioned, in addition to the UXO Survey and Risk Assessment, by Brimstone Site Investigation Ltd.

The Brimstone Site Investigation Ltd Reports can be found on the [project webpage UXO FAQ](#) and we have included a summary of the main points from the report below.

- Bouygues UK (BYUK) have an experienced and qualified UXO engineer from Brimstone on site during the ground preparations to keep a 'Watching Brief' monitoring excavations on undisturbed ground.
- Brimstone are undertaking intrusive surveys by inserting probes into the ground to detect buried magnetic anomalies. All pile locations will be surveyed prior to piling starting to reduce the risk of striking a UXO. If Brimstone recognise a magnetic anomaly, they will then methodically unearth the area to establish exactly what had been highlighted by the probe.
- In terms of an emergency response if a UXO is discovered in the area, the first step is to deploy a joint services EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) engineer to site, where a dynamic risk assessment would be undertaken, reviewing the variants of size, volatility, location. This would then provide a methodology for safe disposal of the UXO either on or off site.



# West Park site set up



# Construction Mitigation Measures

- Bouygues UK are registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (<https://www.considerateconstructors.com/for-the-public/get-in-touch/>), to ensure high standards in managing risks, protecting the environment and developing positive relationships with the local community.
- We are working closely with key contacts to plan the work and to minimise disruption to colleagues, students, local residents and visitors where possible
- There are dedicated Logistics Managers at the site to manage the flow of work both inside and outside the site, and he has been well briefed on the environment.
- We have traffic marshals at key positions throughout the routes to the site.
- 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 and 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.



# Progress

## September:

- Site hoarding installation commenced.
- Tree/vegetation works commenced & complete.
- Arboretum pathway works commenced.
- Service isolations complete.
- Soft strip of buildings commenced (Clydesdale Court & CB Block).
- Hard demolition commenced (Clydesdale Rise & Clydesdale Court).
- Nash Grove temporary road installed.
- HV diversions commenced.

## October:

- CB Block ACM removal commenced and complete.
- Gas diversions for Holland Hall Car Park commenced and complete.
- Crushing commenced in Clydesdale Rise.
- Hard demolition commenced (Nash Grove).
- Soft strip commenced (RF Block).

## November:

- Arboretum footpath open. Improvements planned and maintenance plan.
- BYUK site cabin Install commenced.
- CB Block hard demolition complete.
- Piling mat preparation commenced.



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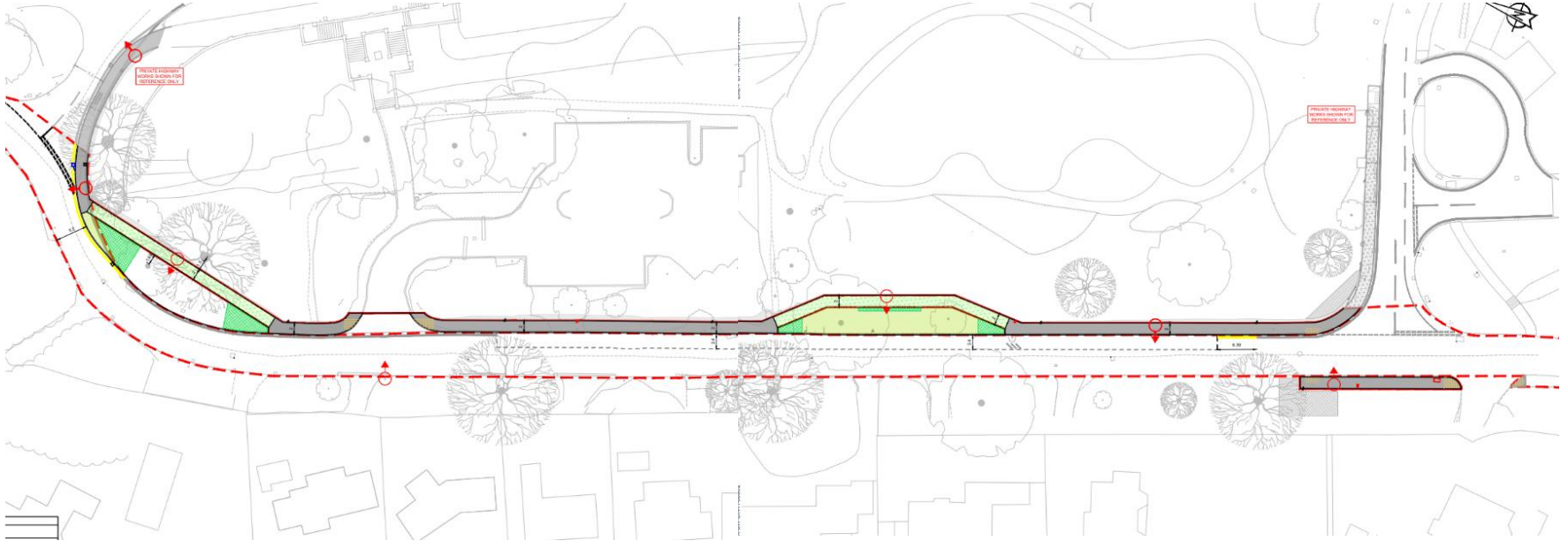


This Timelapse shows mobilisation, hoarding install, soft strip, asbestos removal and hard demolition at CB Block

# Future Activity: December 25 – April 26

- Dec '25 – Dec '25; Temporary contractor car park to be created at the top of Rennes Drive.
- Dec '25 – Feb '26; Demolition of Clydesdale and Nash is continuing and the rubble will be crushed on site to be reused until
- Dec '25 – May '26; Levelling, groundwork preparation, piling mat and piling activity will begin in in the Clydesdale and Birks Central Block area. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) surveys will take place in the area while the excavation and piling is taking place.
- Dec '25 – Feb '26; Archaeologists are attending site daily to completing a watching brief of all excavations, to record and report on any findings.
- Dec '25 – April '26; RF Block refurbishment continues with internal soft strip works, which is the removal of internal fittings and materials. This will also include structural alterations.
- March '26 – Sept '27; Pre-Cast Structure & Staircase installation to multiple blocks.
- TBC – Road works to Streatham Drive are still pending with Devon County Council for approval. Works will commence in 2026.

# Streatham Drive Highways Improvements (S278 Works)



# Streatham Drive Highways Works (continued)

Parking along Streatham Drive will be suspended until 2027.

## Scope

- Removal of dense vegetation.
- A new footpath is to be established on the grass verge.
- Introduction of 'drop-down kerbs' and 'tactile paving' at crossing points.

Highway to be adopted by Devon County Council (DCC) following the completion of the works.

Currently, UPP / UoE are pending final acceptance of the plans by DCC which will allow the works to progress.

UoE Communications Team will provide notice before the works proceed.



# Construction traffic plan and safety

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

- *Just-In-Time* (JIT) delivery approach are being used to limit material stockpiling and reduce congestion.
- All deliveries are pre-booked through a delivery management system with assigned time slots.
- A temporary holding area is being established off-site so we can call upon the driver when we require its arrival, avoiding backup into public roads.
- We are installing a traffic management hut on Streatham Drive to monitor deliveries.
- Bouygues UK have a robust set of systems in place for managing vehicles coming to site and are looking to keep the vehicles flowing away from the residential areas as efficiently as possible.
- As the works at CB Block (Birks Grange) are progressing, there will be an increase in traffic to that area over the next 3 months whilst we are piling, completing the ground floor slab and installing the tower crane.
- The suspended parking at Streatham Drive may be used for passing to maintain a safe steady flow of deliveries to site.

# Social Value

- UPP and Bouygues UK are committed to delivering significant social value through the project, including school workshops, career talks, apprenticeships and volunteering in the community.
- We have attended multiple career fairs and hosting workshops.
- Our team has delivered interactive presentations about careers in construction and the West Park project to inspire students and raise awareness of the industry.
- We are supporting Exeter College students through tailored CV workshops, helping to enhance employability skills and provide guidance on career pathways.
- To date, we have engaged with over 300 students through our outreach activities. This has included 2 workshops, 3 career fairs and mentor work.

# Communication

- Regular project updates 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 October 2025 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 Easter.
- 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](mailto:westpark@exeter.ac.uk)



# Any Questions?

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