Kingston University: At the heart of the community

At Kingston University we take great pride in the difference we make to the lives of our 20,000 students and the wider community we serve. We are constantly striving to provide excellent services and to continue to make a positive contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of the borough.

Kingston University is one of the borough’s largest employers.

In 2014/15 we:

- **Employed** 1,800 staff (full-time equivalent across four campuses)
- **Sustained** 3,800 local jobs (within Royal Borough of Kingston and 7,900 jobs across London)
- **Generated** £600,000 (into the local Kingston economy every day; £221.1 million annually)

We want to build on these successes and further our contribution.

Over the last 10 years we have achieved a lot by investing in our estate and over the next 10 years we hope to continue to improve and transform our campuses by providing an even better teaching and learning experience, and upgraded facilities for students, staff and the local community.

The following boards show what we have achieved and set out our Estate Vision for Penrhyn Road, Knights Park and Kingston Hill over the next 10 years.

Welcome
Recent Projects

In 2007/08 we introduced the University’s Campus Development Plan which presented a vision for the campuses over a 5-10 year period. This led to the investment of over £80 million in new buildings as well as significant refurbishment works. New buildings included:

**John Galsworthy Building, Penrhyn Road campus, 2007**
A Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) award-winning £23m teaching building, designed by John McAslan and Partners.

**Nightingale Centre, Kingston Hill campus, 2007**
A three-storey extension to the Learning Resources Centre, also designed by John McAslan and Partners.

**Kingston Business School, Kingston Hill campus, 2012**
Shortlisted for the London Regional RIBA Award in 2013 this £17m Hawkins Brown Architects designed building created a new focal point for the Business School.

**Town House, Penrhyn Road campus (planned 2019)**
Working with award winning Grafton Architects, the University has obtained planning permission for a new landmark building that will improve the learning and teaching experience and provide a welcoming gateway to Kingston town.

The £50m Town House project forms the first phase of the Estate Vision.
Estate condition and quality

Many of our buildings were built between the 1950s and 1970s. Inevitably these buildings are deteriorating, costly to run and aren’t energy efficient. Other UK universities are investing in their campuses which means we also need to invest to maintain our success in a competitive market.

A key aim of the Estate Vision is to create new high quality buildings that will provide an even better teaching and learning experience across three of our campuses:
- Penrhyn Road
- Kingston Hill
- Knights Park

These new buildings will be environmentally sustainable and will be flexible so they can adapt to future teaching needs.

In the longer term this will enable us to produce a more sustainable community; we hope to relocate our teaching facility at Roehampton Vale from Wandsworth into Kingston.

Future vision
Town House

1. Works on the University’s new flagship teaching and learning facility have started on site and once fully implemented, will provide a new Learning Resources Centre, covered courtyard, rehearsal and performance spaces, cafés and open terraces, set within an extensive public landscaped area.

Proposals

2. 12-14 Fassett Road: Replacement of the existing poor-quality two-storey buildings with a new sensitively-designed building.

3. Sopwith car park: This area presents an opportunity to provide temporary buildings for teaching space while works are carried out elsewhere within the KU estate.

4. River Source Heat Pump: A new district heating system will supply existing buildings with low carbon heating and cooling from the River Thames.
Proposals

An £11.4m refurbishment programme was undertaken in 2012 but, to properly support our highly-successful Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture, additional teaching and learning space is required.

1. **New Extension Building**: Existing circulation is confusing. Rather than redevelop or extend, we propose to reorganise the existing spaces to improve circulation and use of space. We would like to re-clad the existing New Extension Building to enhance its tired appearance.

2. **Middle Mill Lecture Theatre and New Academic Building**: We propose to replace approx. 100 bedrooms at Middle Mill with a new lecture theatre and academic building. Alternative student accommodation will be agreed with private landlords with some additional facilities at Kingston Hill.

3. **Middle Mill Temporary Building**: To ensure adequate teaching space during the works, temporary buildings are proposed.
Car Park A: We propose to convert Car Park A into a much-needed indoor sports facility set within substantial existing mature tree cover. A planning application for the sports hall has been submitted and is to be considered by the Council’s committee in July.

School of Education: We propose to create new facilities in the centre of the campus including academic buildings, a Combined Heat and Power energy centre and a new School of Education. We would remove the Mid-Level Building, De Lissa Hall, Drama Hall and one of the temporary Yorkon buildings.

Halls of Residence: New accommodation would replace the current School of Education and Students’ Union.
Our Commitment to our Community

In formulating our Estate Vision, we have taken great care to anticipate the future needs of our students and staff but we have also given a great deal of thought to the impact this might have on local residents and businesses as well as the infrastructure of the borough more generally.

Our Estate Vision incorporates at its heart, a commitment to producing a truly sustainable community that is economically, environmentally and socially healthy. It means we have looked for integrated solutions, we have taken the long view, and we are searching for solutions that improve the quality of life for the whole community.

We want to continue to be a successful and thriving university that can serve and support our local community.

Consultation

This exhibition broadly sets out our Estate Vision for the next 10 years and our aspirations to enhance and improve our campus sites for students, staff and the local community.

As details of our Estate Vision are developed, we will continue to consult those who have an interest in our proposals including local residents, resident associations, elected and local authority representatives.

Your views are important to us. To tell us what you think, please email estates@kingston.ac.uk

More information and updates can be found on our website: www.kingston.ac.uk/cdp