UoY Student Centre

Site & Landscape Proposals

Variety of Spaces

The landscape proposals, surrounding the Student Centre and connecting outward to the lake and across the library bridge, are designed to incorporate a variety of spaces and functions; to support social spaces, events, green travel and spaces for relaxation. University Gardens will provide a formal approach to the building, whilst the Woodland Gardens to the east will offer a more relaxed environment for the cafe to overflow into in the warmer months. The proposed building also incorporates a rooftop garden with a bar.

Car Parking

The University conducts annual surveys to monitor the use of existing car parks across both campuses. The latest (March 2022) surveys showed that during peak hours, 82% of existing spaces were being utilised, leaving 302 spaces unused, 216 of which on Campus West. The number of free spaces increased outside of peak hours.

The proposed development will lead to the loss of 100 car parking spaces across Central car park and the adjacent Information Centre. However, the University will be reopening 64 spaces in car park C, off Wentworth Way at the northern end of campus, which had been taken out of commission to be used as Covid testing centre. The overall net loss will therefore be 36 spaces, which is only 12% of the existing spare capacity.

The University will continue to monitor the use of existing car parks on an annual basis. A detailed phasing plan will be developed for the Student Centre project to ensure that car parking spaces are not decommissioned prematurely. Following the completion of the build, a number of accessible parking bays will be available on site.

Landscape Concept

Our plan will reconnect a historic woodland landscape, pre-dating the University, which sits to the west of the library and in the grounds of Heslington Hall, creating a ‘landscape-stitch’ within the Campus. The landscape connection will be both visual and physical, connecting people to the landscape that surrounds them.