



More information about our new building

The building

With 5,300 square metres of usable space across 9 floors (with an additional floor for plant and equipment), this new building will meet the functional needs of our School of Art & Design, creating exciting spaces and breathing new life into a disused site.

A specially commissioned heritage assessment has been carried out which tells us it is possible to remove the existing buildings without any loss of historical significance. The proposed materials palette and ceramic façade have been chosen with the masterplan design and wellbeing principles in mind to form a coherent identity to surrounding buildings on Shakespeare Street as well as providing an aesthetic that is clearly identifiable with the NTU campus.

Thought has been given to the location and positioning of the building. Fewer windows have been put in on the north elevation and have been wrapped around the building at a higher level to protect the privacy of surrounding houses.

Facilities

The University continues to invest in developing its buildings and facilities across each campus to ensure it offers the best possible learning and teaching environment for our students and staff.

The new building will provide specialist teaching spaces, quiet study spaces and a collaborative hub for social learning, designing and making, including an innovation lab. There will be an exhibition space for showcasing students' work as well as a seating area to meet and socialise in.





Green spaces

As part of our commitment to 'greening the city', we are intending to create a garden space at the back of our University Hall that will enhance the biodiversity of our university environment and provide an area for staff, students and members of the public all to enjoy.

This will be a separate project to the 42 Shakespeare Street development.

Environmental impact

NTU is one of the most sustainable universities in the world — ranked 3rd in the UK by the People and Planet University League, and 4th globally in the UI GreenMetric. We are proud of our world-class campuses complete with sustainable buildings and award winning green spaces.

We will aim to minimise any environmental impact through enhanced energy efficiency, integrating our sustainable initiatives into the design of the building and creating spaces which will protect and enhance our local biodiversity, providing access to wildlife and green space. The new building is designed to achieve net zero carbon.





Building works

All of our construction projects are planned to ensure minimal impact to the University. Programmes of works are scheduled around the academic calendar and where possible disruptive works are minimised during examinations periods, open days and graduation.

We are also a client partner with the Considerate Constructor Scheme (CCS) and require all of our contractors to register with the scheme to ensure they consider the appearance of their site, respect the local community, protect the environment, secure everyone's safety and value their workforce. We will ensure any pedestrian routes that may need rerouting are signposted and we will provide advance warning of any major works which require road closures or diversions.

Timeline

If our planning application is successful, we intend to start deconstructing the existing site from July 2021. The construction phase will then commence November 2021 with the delivery of the new building by Autumn 2023.

Planning application

We intend to submit a planning application on 19 March 2021. Once this is processed, the application will be available to view on the Nottingham City Council's planning website.

Feedback

You can leave your feedback on our [online form](#).

