

Great Park Academy Permanent Site Newsletter: July 2022

Welcome to the third of our termly information updates about the building programme for our brand new school on Newcastle Great Park.

We're pleased to report that the feasibility study to incorporate the DfE's new specification to achieve Carbon Net Zero in Operation has been completed and the process to increase the project budget to incorporate all the new sustainability features is underway. The increased budget will also incorporate an inflationary increase based on the current conditions in the construction market.

It is anticipated that the budget uplift process will be completed in July and the contractor procurement will commence in August. We very much hope to be in a position to confirm the selected contractor who will construct the permanent school on the Great Park early in the autumn term.

In the meantime Newcastle City Council and Newcastle Great Park Consortium are continuing to work on preparing the site. The new electrical sub-station which will serve the school has been constructed and is in operation. The foul and surface water drainage connection points have been installed and work to install the gas and water supplies to the school site is planned over the summer. The process to remove the overhead cables crossing the site has been started by Newcastle Great Park Consortium. They are now awaiting dates from Northern Power Grid to confirm when the works to divert the cables around the site will take place.

Newcastle City Council are also engaged in detailed design discussions around the Park and Ride which will be the drop off point for the new school.

Alongside all the work on the new building there is also a lot of work going on around providing extra, high-quality space in the temporary school on the Gosforth Academy site for September 2023.

We are looking forward to sharing the next stages of the project with you in next term's update and appreciate your interest and support.

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