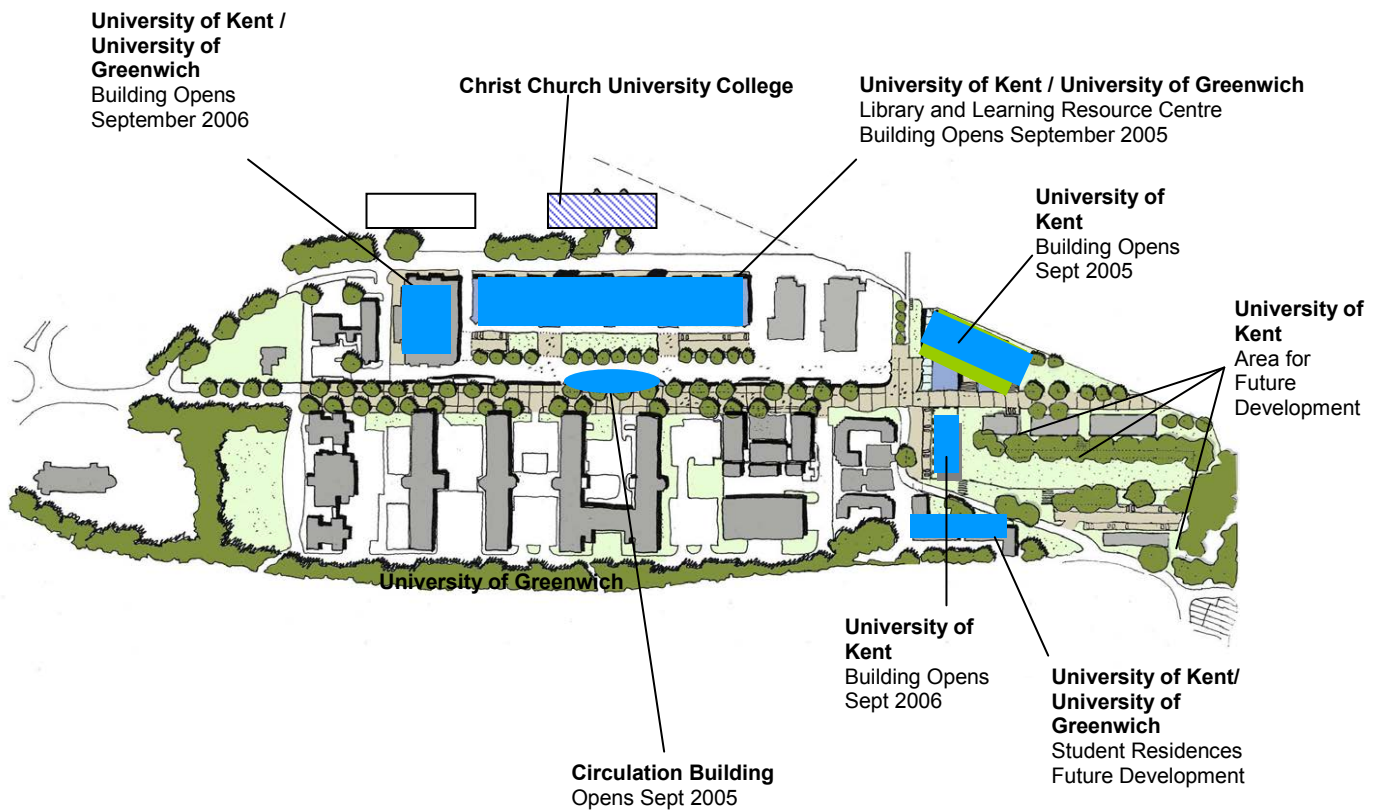


UNIVERSITIES AT MEDWAY
SEEDA Annual Report (No. 1)
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1. Progress Report for the Overall Building and Development Aspects of the Project

1.1 Summary:

Refer to Appendix 3 for site photographs and plans and Appendix 2 for Press Release.

- Planning permission and listed building consent has been granted for the Drill Hall (Site C3), the new building on Site D5 and the circulation building.
- The purchase of Sites D5, C3 and C2 has been completed. The funding Agreement has also been completed. Discussions are still continuing with SEEDA concerning other site purchases.
- Wallis, the building contractors, for the Drill Hall are progressing work on the refurbishment and fitting out. Completion was set for 1st August 2005 giving a short period for other fit out and relocation. However, following a 3-week suspension at the outset whilst SEEDA finalised their funding agreement with the Office of Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), Wallis have been granted a 13 day extension of time. The revised programme was issued on 31st January showing original access dates in June and July for IT and shelving as being maintained. However all works and commissioning will not be completed until 18th August. Work is progressing in accordance with programme.
- The building contractors, Laing O'Rourke (LOR), commenced work on Site D5 on 12th July. LOR are reporting they are on programme to complete by Monday 18th July 2005
- WSP have advised that lack of a formal right of way along Central Avenue means that two alternative transport strategies for phase 2 are being developed.
- The revised design of the Circulation Building has been agreed by the Universities and by SEEDA and the planning Authority.
- The Stage E design report for the refurbishment of the Canteen Building (Site C2) has been approved and the Universities have authorised the design to progress to tender. Applications for planning permission and listed building consent are currently being considered by the planning authority. Costs remain within budget.
- The master plan for site D3 now shows building No.1 being retained. The Stage D report for the new building on site D3 has been presented. A value engineering exercise will be carried out if needed once a contractor has been appointed. Two separate planning applications were submitted during the 1st week of December 2004, one for the new building and one for the Masterplan. Approval will not be granted before end of March 2005.
- The Masterplan (Site D3) has been revised to take account concerns expressed by the conservation officer and English Heritage regarding height and car parking. Revised drawings are being submitted. Some revisions were also made to the elevations of the new D3 building and these have already been submitted for comment.
- The planning authority may require a section 106 agreement in connection with the travel plan and linked to the D3 outline application.
- An OJEC notice has been issued in respect of the canteen building, and pre-tender interviews are being held on 11th March 2005. Four 'Design & Build' contractors have been invited to tender for the D3 building and road, and tenders were returned on 18th February 2005.
- Two developers presented proposals for residential accommodation on site D4. A preferred bidder, Denne, has now been selected but heads of terms have yet to be finalised. In the meantime Costain have suggested a reduced rent for a potential off site development based on a lower land price, which may now also be attractive.

1.2 Approvals

1.2.1 Town Planning / Heritage

- Phase 1 Issues

The Planning and Conservation Officers have given their verbal approval to all outstanding matters for the Drill Hall (Site C3) and Site D5. This includes the submitted scheme amendments, details of the circulation building, the details of the transformer enclosure for the drill hall submitted on 12 January 2005 and all matters relating to materials and landscaping dealt with under the conditions precedent. The formal written approval letter(s) will be issued shortly.

- Former Canteen Building

Planning and listed building applications for the former canteen building were submitted on 22 November 2004. The Universities have been advised that no objections to the application have been received, although the conservation officer has raised certain detailed queries. A response to the queries was issued by letter dated 18 February 2005.

- Site D3

Objections to both the applications for the first new building on site D3 have been received from English Heritage, the Council's Conservation & Design Officer and 2 local residents. A detailed response to the queries will be issued on behalf of the University of Kent.

The University confirmed their approval to the revised elevations for the Phase 2 building and these drawings were submitted to the Council on 22 February 2005.

NAIFP, RMJM and WSP met with the University on 23 February 2005 to present revised options for the Site D3 Masterplan. The University subsequently confirmed their approval to proceed on the basis of Option 3. A meeting has been arranged with both Medway Council and English Heritage on 23 March 2005 to discuss both the revised drawings for site D3 and the phase 2 building.

Given the fact that more than 2 objections have been received to the outline planning application, it is not possible for this application to be determined under delegated powers and it will have to be reported to Planning Committee for a decision.

1.2.2 Building Control

The design team as part of the ongoing design process is consulting Medway Council.

Medway Building Control has issued conditional approval for all parts of the Building Regulations relating to the Drill Hall, with a number of conditions to be addressed by the design team and/or contractor.

Medway Building Control is inspecting the works on the Drill Hall. No issues have been raised to date.

1.2.3 Fire

A number of conditions of the approval relate to Medway Fire Service, which needs to be addressed by the design team and/or the contractor.

The Fire Authority continues to be consulted by Medway Council on the Drill Hall as part of the ongoing design process.

1.2.4 Insurers

Drill Hall, Circulation Building and Canteen - A meeting has been convened on 14 February with the design team and the insurers to re-confirm the design in terms of fire strategy and security systems.

D5 Building - Insurers have been sent detailed information on the build up of the façade panelling to the D5 building. No adverse comments have been made to date.

1.2.5 SEEDA

Details of the proposed new building on site D3 and the D3 masterplan were presented to SEEDA and a representative of the regional design panel on 10 December 2004. A formal response has been received and circulated to the designers and the planning authority.

Discussions have been held with SEEDA to finalise the information they need to process interim payments for both ODPM and SEEDA funding.

SEEDA require a BREEAM assessment, and RMJM have almost completed this.

Outstanding patent defects on the Drill Hall – SEEDA’s contractor has carried out the roof junction repairs, although Fuller Peiser’s Building Surveyors have rejected the works on grounds of poor workmanship. The contractor is reviewing this on site. A separate roof defect arising from a design error is to be paid by SEEDA although instructed directly by the Universities.

1.2.6 User Group Meetings

User Group meetings for both the new build and the LRC are continuing, current issues relating to the user groups are as follows:

a) Drill Hall & Circulation Building

- An M&E review of the server and hub rooms was carried out with the ICT user group on 17 February 2005. A further review meeting has been convened for 4 March 2005.
- A further presentation of Johnson Controls has been especially set up for the ICT user group on 4 March 2005.
- A successful site visit occurred on 14 February 2005 with the Library and IT University heads and the design team to walk the site to provide comfort that what has been designed so far is as per the briefing.

b) Drill Hall Migration

- An ICT workshop was held on 14 February 2005 to explain the early access dates in order co-ordinate migration of ICT equipment.
- A migration strategy review meeting was held on 22 February 2005 with the Universities to develop the migration strategy for the Drill Hall project. An update meeting has been convened on 4 March with a further general update meeting set for 22 March 2005.

c) D5 New Build Work

- All design and finishes have now been signed off by the client.

1.3 Design Progress Report

1.3.1 Drill Hall

The main outstanding design issues to be concluded are;

- Finishes board to be completed by RMJM
- Signage – RMJM – This is being developed.
- Decoration schedule – to be completed by RMJM
- Outstanding finishes; including Mezzanine soffit
- LV panel enclosure to the Waste store area
- Acoustic requirements to Teaching rooms
- Car park barriers

The design team are targeting the 17 March 2005 by which time all design related issues are to be concluded including expenditure of outstanding provisional sum that still require design to be completed.

Faber Maunsell are managing the co-ordination of security, fire alarm and IT installations between the New Teaching Facility and the Drill Hall works.

Two preferred furniture suppliers have been selected and the library shelving has been ordered.

Ongoing reviews of design queries being raised by the contractor are being addressed in a timely manner. Weekly "key issues" meetings have been set up with the contractor to address main issues that could affect the programme.

1.3.2 D5 New Build

Design development is nearing completion with meetings being held directly with sub-contractors in order to address specific design queries.

1.3.3 Circulation Building

Wallis has been instructed to proceed with the works with completion programmed for 18 August.

1.3.4 External Works / Landscape

Wallis has been instructed to carry out the patch repairs to the parade ground and undertake the dressing of the parade ground as originally specified, which acknowledges that the long term vision of the parade ground is an area without cars and the consensus for the short term is to resurface the existing condition with minimum investment.

Laing O'Rourke have located their contractors compound behind the old pool and gymnasium as agreed by UOG and SEEDA.

1.3.5 Highways/Parking

WSP prepared a transport statement and travel plan and these were submitted as part of the planning application. WSP have prepared further proposals for site circulation and car parking; these were reviewed at meetings with both universities, and more developed proposals have now been issued.

Discussions have now commenced with the highway authority and planning authority about the phase 2 proposals and the development of the travel plan for the complete site. This was presented in draft by WSP at the Campus Management Board meeting on 22 November 2004 and has been agreed in principle. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plan has been submitted as part of the phase 2 D3 planning application. The planning authority have indicated they may require a section 106 agreement to secure the operation of the travel plan.

1.3.6 Residential

The Universities have now confirmed their preference is for up to 300 residential units to be located at Site D4. It has been agreed no new residences would be available for 2005 and that September 2006 would be the earliest possible target.

The University of Greenwich invited tenders for the development of residences on Site D4. Denne have now been selected as the preferred bidder. There are a number of key legal and property issues still to be overcome if the proposal to link the new buildings to the current UoG residences is to be workable.

1.3.7 Phase 2 - Canteen

On the basis of the Stage E report, the Universities have authorised the design teams to proceed to complete tender documents for the canteen and the scope of works has been "signed off". The costs are at present within the allowable budget.

1.3.8 Phase 2 – D3 New Build and Masterplan

Design to stage D has been completed for the new building. 1st stage tender documents based on the stage D design have been sent out to 4 Design and Build contractors and were returned on 18th February. Final interviews are being held on 4th March.

The funds available will allow the construction of 3000m² of academic spaces

The final internal layouts were not confirmed at the conclusion of stage D consequently RMJM's appointment has been extended to complete the briefing and internal layouts for the building.

RMJM have now commenced more detailed master planning for the D3/D4 site and this has been discussed with UOK and the planners. Approximately 25,300m² (gross) of development can be accommodated on D3/D5 sites together with 350 cars (this would necessitate a multi level car park). An updated master plan for Site D3/D5 and an outline specification for the first building has been approved by the University of Kent. The proposal has been discussed with the planning authority, and was presented to SEEDA and the Kent design panel on 10 December.

The transport strategy for phase 2 has taken into account that, at present, access for buses cannot be guaranteed along Central Avenue. The planners will require a 106 agreement in connection with the travel plan.

1.4 Site Progress

1.4.1 Drill Hall

Contract Commencement date: 16 August 2004

Original Contract Completion date: 01 August 2005

Revised Contract Completion date: 18 August 2005

The clerk of works is reporting that they are on programme against their revised completion date on 18 August, although approximately three weeks behind the original completion date.

Wallis has reported that their revised construction programme showing total completion delayed until 18th August is at risk with further delays being reported by the contractor arising from the boiler plant room C causing a delay of a further week. Weekly design issue meetings have been set up with the contractor to address any further issues affecting the programme. The contractor has been informed to proceed with best endeavours.

Potential Progress risk areas;

- EDF power on date.
- Strengthening of a small number of the truss rafters
- LV panel enclosure to the waste store area.
- Responding to contractor queries in a timely manner.

1.4.2 D5 New Build

Laing O'Rourke have started site operations in line with the commencement of their contract on the 12th July 2004. They are reporting that they are "on programme" to finish on the scheduled completion of 18th July 2005. Laing O' Rourke are behind on the envelope completion phase of the project, primarily due to problems in getting deliveries to site. However, they have resequenced their programme to enable the internal to be on the critical path.

1.4.3 Documentation

▪ New Build D5

Consultants' appointments and novation agreements have been signed by all designers and the QS.

▪ Drill Hall C3

Draft appointments, based on the appointments signed for site D5 have been prepared by Berwin Leighton Paisner.

Contract documents for the new build have been sent to Laing O'Rourke for signature; and to Wallis for the Drill Hall.

Warranties for SEEDA and to the Universities have been agreed, as has a parent Company Guarantee from Laing O'Rourke.

Details of the documents SEEDA need to allow their funding to be drawn down have been discussed with them, and copies of the tender reports issued to them. A report on the appointment of the consultant team is being prepared. Copies of all invoices have been collated for issue with requests for the drawdown of ODPM and SEEDA funds.

1.5 Risk Registers

The design and build risk register has been updated and separated between the University of Kent works and Joint Development and costs identified.

The universities Campus Management Board Meeting review business risks separately.

1.6 Future Actions

1.6.1 Future actions for the Universities are as follows:

- Conclude legal agreements for site purchases on D3, D4 and C4.
- Continue further user input to design brief for the canteen and phase 2.
- Develop mitigation plans for occupation/operation in the event of any unforeseen delays to design or construction.
- Develop migration plans for July – Sept 2005.
- Develop proposals for the new building on site D3.
- Complete Consultants Appointments for Drill Hall.
- Provide copy invoices to SEEDA.
- Finalise finishes.
- Continue discussion and negotiations on the phase 2 planning applications.
- Develop interim proposals for car parking on Site D3.

2. Preliminary Funding Milestones In Relation To The Development And Construction Aspects Of The Project

(Ref: Funding Agreement: Schedule 3; Part 1; Page 29)

Refer to Appendix 1 for SEEDA Output Monitoring Return Form

Milestones that have been achieved as at 31st March 2005

	Action	Milestone Date	Achieved
1	Acquisition of and grant of lease for Site C3 (Former Drill Hall)	31 December 2004	Yes
2	Acquisition of and grant of lease for Site C2 (Former Canteen Building)	31 December 2004	Yes
3	Obtaining Planning permission and listed building consents for the refurbishment of the retaining wall and steps on Central Avenue.	31 July 2004	Yes
4	Tendering the construction contract for the works referred to in items 1-3 above.	31 July 2004	Yes
5	Start 'on-site' works for items 1-3 above	30 September 2004	Yes
6	Satisfactory completion of the works described above.	30 September 2006	-
7	Start of the refurbishment and provision of additional pharmacy laboratories which comprise part of the works in Phase 1A	31 March 2006	Yes
8	Opening of the Drill Hall Site C3 for students and community use	30 March 2006	-

3. Summary of Payments by SEEDA to the Universities: Period 2004 - 2005

3.1 Preliminary Funding:

Nature of Cost	Date Monies Received From SEEDA	Total £	(a) Acquisition of Site C3 inc Drill Hall	(b) Cost of Phase 1A Works	(c) Acquisition of Site C2 inc Canteen Building	(d) Refurbishment of Retaining Wall	(e) Refurbishment & provision of additional pharmacy labs
Payment Provisions – Preliminary Funding		15,000,000	1,229,000	12,771,000	600,000	300,000	100,000
Cost of Drill Hall (C3)	07-12-04	-£1,175,000	-£1,175,000				
Drill Hall Prof. Fees from 01-08-03	20-01-05	-£1,207,638		-£1,207,638			
Drill Hall Construction & Prof Fees	29-12-04	-£152,421		-£152,421			
Nov & Dec Costs Drill Hall	22-02-05	-£613,898		-£613,898			
Acquisition Canteen Bldg (Site C2)	22-02-05	-£540,500			-£540,500		
Refurb of Retaining Wall	22-02-05	-£290,750				-£290,750	
Drill Hall Construction & Prof Fees	07-03-05	-£694,914		-£694,914			
Drill Hall – Jan : Wallis	30-03-05	-£663,391		-£663,391			
Drill Hall – Feb Costs	30-03-05	-£99,283		-£99,283			

4. Outputs in relation to the Project:

Reporting Period: Year 1: Academic Year 2003 - 2004

(Ref: Funding Agreement: Schedule 3; Part 3; Page 30)

Refer to Appendix 1 for SEEDA Output Monitoring Return Form

4.1 Job/ Staffing FTE Outputs.

Year 1: Academic Year 2003 - 2004

“An Additional 182.4 FT or FTE equivalent jobs shall be created directly from the Project from 1 August 2003 to the academic year 2010-2011 in addition to the number of existing jobs on the University Campus for the academic year 2002-2003.”

Staffing/ Jobs: Period – 2002-2003 (Baseline Year):

White	Black or Other Ethnic Minority	Not Known	Total fte jobs 2002/03
188	21.5	25.2	234.7 fte baseline

Staffing/ Jobs: Period – 2003 –2004 (Year 1):

White	Black or Other Ethnic Minority	Not Known	Total fte jobs 2003/04
211	28.5	37.8	277.2 fte baseline

SEEDA Staffing/ Job Targets:

SEEDA target for additional <u>jobs/staff</u> over the whole project period	182.4 fte
SEEDA target for additional <u>jobs/staff</u> for the year 2003-2004 =	5 fte

Actual additional <u>jobs/staff</u> on the University Campus achieved for 2003-04 =	42.6 fte
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4.2 Brownfield Land Outputs:

Year 1: Academic Year 2003 - 2004

SEEDA target for <u>Brownfield land</u> remediation and development over the whole project period =	2.6 hectares
C3 – Drill Hall Refurbishment - Work in progress – completion 2005	3.064 hectares
C2 – Canteen Building Refurbishment – Work in progress - completion 2006	1.7 hectares
D5 – New Academic Building – completion due Sept ‘05	0.401 hectares
D3 – New Academic Building – completion due Sept ‘06	2.35 hectares (pt)

4.3 Student FTE Outputs:

Year 1: Academic Year 2003 - 2004

“An additional 3,355 FTE Students shall be registered for programmes of HE and FE study at the University Campus in the academic year of the Final Monitoring Date (31 March 2013) in addition to the baseline number of Existing Campus Students”

Students: Period 2002 - 2003 (Baseline Year)	2,997 fte students
Students: Period 2003 - 2004	3,373 fte students

SEEDA target for additional <u>students</u> over the whole project period =	3,355 fte students
SEEDA target for additional <u>students</u> for the year 2003-2004 =	376 fte students
Actual additional <u>students</u> on the University Campus achieved for 2003-04 =	209 fte students

The Universities considered that until the Campus is fully operational, from September 2006 onwards, student recruitment may not match exactly the original growth profile, however, the Universities anticipate that recruitment to Medway will meet the overall target for 31st March 2013 i.e. 3,355 fte.

Note: “FTE Students” means full time or full time equivalent students.

APPENDIX 1

SEEDA Output Monitoring Return Form

If you have been sent this Form by SEEDA, you must complete it and return it by the deadline shown in the box below. It relates to Tier 3 outputs delivered for the Quarter shown. If you have delivered no outputs, please sign and return the form as a 'nil return'. Some projects may also be required to submit additional monitoring information and/or grant requests. Please check with SEEDA if you are not sure.

In Quarter 4 a forecasting sheet will be attached in order to forecast the following years quarterly profile

Year (For reporting on outputs)	Academic Year 2003 -2004
This Quarter	Q4 (2004/2005)
To be Returned to SEEDA by:	31 st March 2005

Project/Scheme Ref. No.	Project No. 23		
Project/Scheme Name	Universities at Medway		
Project/Scheme Financial Completion Date (month/year)	31 st March 2013 (Final Monitoring Date)	Is this the final monitoring form?	NO

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given on this form is correct, the outputs claimed have been delivered and evidence of achievement of each of the outputs has been collected, retained and is available for inspection.

Name:	Nick McHard
Organisation:	University of Kent
Signature:	

Title:	Secretary and Registrar
Date:	31 st March 2005

Name:	Prof David Wills
Organisation:	University of Greenwich
Signature:	

Title:	Pro Vice Chancellor
Date:	31 st March 2005

The tables below should be used to record all the Tier 3 core and supplementary outputs delivered in this Quarter. Please refer to Guidance Note 1 – ‘Tier 3 Output Definitions’ for a full definition of outputs

Please note

- Tier 3 Outputs should be **apportioned between public funders and only outputs SEEDA can claim reported on this form** (to prevent double counting)
- All outputs should be reported gross
- You can also record any indirect outputs in the tables below, please note these do not count towards the Tier 3 targets
- For each relevant output complete all blank (unshaded) cells

Tier 3 Core Outputs	This Quarter			ID1 No. of Ethnic Minority (all except white category)	ID 2 Geographic Location (Local authority district(s), please attach details)	ID 3 Type of brown-field land	ID 4 Nature brown-field treatment	ID 5 Learning opp. sector	ID 6 Learning opp. qualification
	Tier 3 Output Forecast	Tier 3 Achieved	Indirect outputs Achieved						
C1A New jobs created	5	42.6		7	Jobs based at Medway				
C1A New jobs safeguarded*									
C1B FDI jobs created jobs safeguarded									
C2 Ha. of Brownfield land remediated	2.6	See Section 4.2 of this annual report. Work in progress on brownfield land.				(a)	(a)		
						(b)	(b)		
						(c)	(c)		
						(d)	(d)		
						(e)			
C3A Number of learning opportunities 3 – 30 hrs.	See Section 4.3 of this annual report. Ref: Schedule 3, Part 3 (Page 30) of the ‘SEEDA/ University of Kent/ University of Greenwich – Funding Agreement (2004)’							(a)	(a)
								(b)	(b)
								(c)	(c)
								(d)	(d)
								(e)	(e)
								(f)	
C3B Number of learning opportunities over 30 hrs								(a)	(a)
								(b)	(b)
								(c)	(c)
								(d)	(d)
								(e)	(e)
								(f)	
C4A New businesses created/ attracted									
C4B New businesses sustained for 12 months									

Tier 3 Supplementary Outputs	This Quarter			ID1 No. of Ethnic Minority (all except white category)	ID 2 Geographic Location (Local authority district(s), please attach details)	ID 7 Number of Businesses receiving specialist advice
	Tier 3 Output Forecast	Tier 3 Achieved	Indirect outputs Achieved			
S1A No. of businesses located in or using facilities of incubator units						
S1B No. of businesses leaving incubator units and moving into alternative premises						
S1C No. of businesses in other managed workspace						
S2 No. of businesses receiving specialist advice						(a)
						(b)
						(c)
						(d)
S3 No. of businesses active in cluster, technology or learning networks						
S4A Adults receiving basic skills training						
S4B Adults receiving basic skills training + qualification						
S5A Individuals receiving ICT training						
S5B Individuals receiving ICT training + qualification						
S6A Adults receiving high level skills training						
S6B Adults receiving high level skills training + qualification						
S7 Broadband access						

Milestone Preliminary Funding Milestones <i>(Page 29 – Funding Agreement)</i>	Forecast date of completion	Actual date of completion (if appropriate)	Activity Report (Please provide details on the progress made on each key milestone. If the project is behind schedule please state reason and length of delay)
Acquisition of building lease Site C3 (Drill Hall)	31-09-04	Completed	
Acquisition of building lease Site C2 (Canteen Building)	31-12-04	Completed	
Obtaining planning permission & listed building consents for Phase 1A works - a) Drill Hall and b) Refurbishment of retaining wall steps. <i>(Page 4 Funding Agreement)</i>	31-07-04	Completed	
Commencement on site for works to the Drill Hall and retaining wall steps	30-09-04	Completed	
Satisfactory completion of the Phase 1A works - a) Drill Hall and b) Retaining wall steps	30-09-06	a) On target b) Completed	
Commence refurbishment of the Phase 1A works – c) Pharmacy Laboratories.	30-09-06	Completed	
Secondary Funding Milestones <i>(Page 29 & 30 - Funding Agreement)</i>	June 2006 – Sept 2008	On target for completion dates	

General Progress/ Commentary

- How is the project/scheme progressing against contracted activities?
- If there are differences between the forecast and achieved outputs – why is this?
- Are there any issues you wish to highlight or proposed changes to the project/scheme e.g. forecast changes?

For SRB and Rural programmes you must attach:

- Key Indicator Results accompanied by short explanatory text
- All Programme Output Results

If you would like to change the outputs forecast for the rest of the year, please provide your revised output forecast below for those outputs affected:

Tier 3 Output	Q1 '05		Q2 '05		Q3 '05		Q4 '06		Year 2	Year 3	Further years	Total	
(Please list)	Agreed	Revised	Agreed	Revised	Agreed	Revised	Agreed	Revised	Revised	Revised	Revised	Agreed	Revised
Students (fte)	0	-	0	-	0	-	350	-	-	-	-	3,355	-
Staff/Jobs (fte)	0	-	0	-	0	-	10	-	-	-	-	182	-
Brownfield Land	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	2.6	-

APPENDIX 2

Kent/ Greenwich Recent Press Releases

JOINT PRESS RELEASE: 22ND MARCH 2004

‘PLANNING GO-AHEAD FOR UNIVERSITIES AT MEDWAY INITIATIVE’

Medway Council has given the go-ahead for building work to begin on the site of the £50m Universities at Medway initiative, a partnership scheme between the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent, together with Mid-Kent College and Canterbury Christ Church University College. Planning permission to develop the site, which is adjacent to the University of Greenwich's existing Medway campus, was granted at a recent meeting of the Council's planning committee.

Speaking on behalf of the initiative, Professor David Melville, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent, and Professor Rick Trainor, Vice-Chancellor, University of Greenwich, welcomed the news of the application's success.

'This is a landmark occasion for the Universities at Medway initiative. With construction work scheduled to begin shortly, our plans are fast becoming a reality. We are well on the way to completion by autumn 2005.'

'The initiative is at the heart of the strategy to bring renewed economic prosperity to Medway. The Universities of Kent and Greenwich, Mid-Kent College and Canterbury Christ Church University College have a key contribution to make in assisting Medway to achieve its full potential.'

The £50m Universities at Medway initiative is supported by Medway Council, the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA). A key project in the North Kent section of the Thames Gateway regeneration programme, it complements a range of local and central government initiatives. The scheme will see student numbers in the region rising to 6,000 by 2010 and will have a major impact on the region's economy, adding £10m of additional expenditure. More than 600 direct and indirect jobs are to be created, including campus-based academic and non-academic posts and those generated through staff and student expenditure in shops, restaurants and elsewhere.

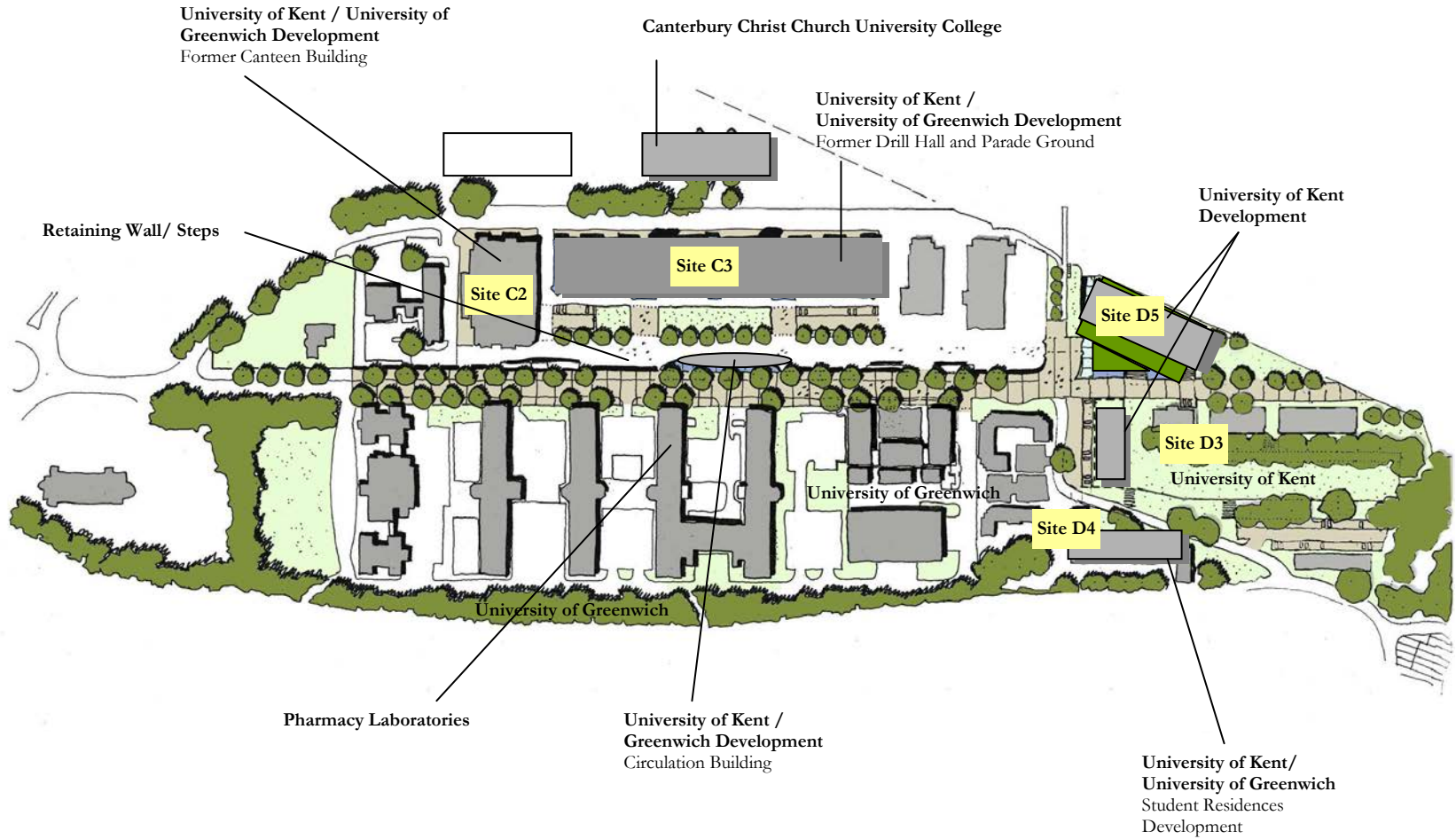
The development of the joint campus will be in two phases. The planning permission granted for the first phase supports the refurbishment and development of the Grade II listed Drill Hall to provide a state-of-the art Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and teaching space as well as library and ICT facilities, some of which will be for public access. Permission was also given for the construction of a new four storey academic building for the University of Kent and Mid-Kent College as well as the building of a circulation building with the provision of lifts. This will link the Upper and Lower Pembroke sites, improving access for people with disabilities, car parking provision and hard/soft landscaping.

The Universities at Medway initiative is a trail-blazing development. A partnership of this scale across the education sector is unprecedented and brings together the key regional providers to endure economic and social prosperity returns to Medway.

APPENDIX 3

Site Photographs/ Plan

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SITE C3 : FORMER DRILL HALL (WORK IN PROGRESS)

Drill Hall Exterior/ Parade Ground

Work in Progress (December 2004)



Architects impression of interior and mezzanine



Drill Hall Interior

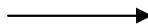
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Architects impression of interior and mezzanine



Work in Progress (Jan/ Feb2005)

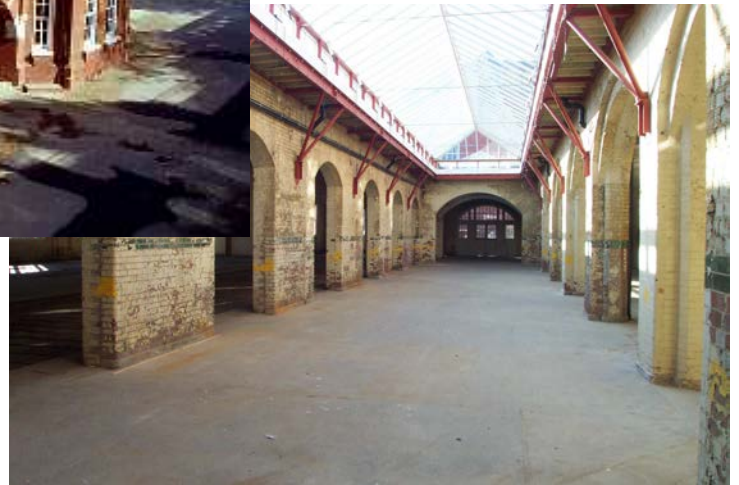


SITE C2 FORMER CANTEEN BUILDING (PLANNING APPLICATION WORK IN PROGRESS)



← Canteen Exterior 2004

Canteen Interior 2004/05 →



SITE D5 NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING (WORK IN PROGRESS)



External Views – February 2005