

Event Management Strategy (Outdoor Spaces)

This Event Management Strategy addresses Planning Condition 16 of consent ref. 122203/JO/2018. Condition 16 states:

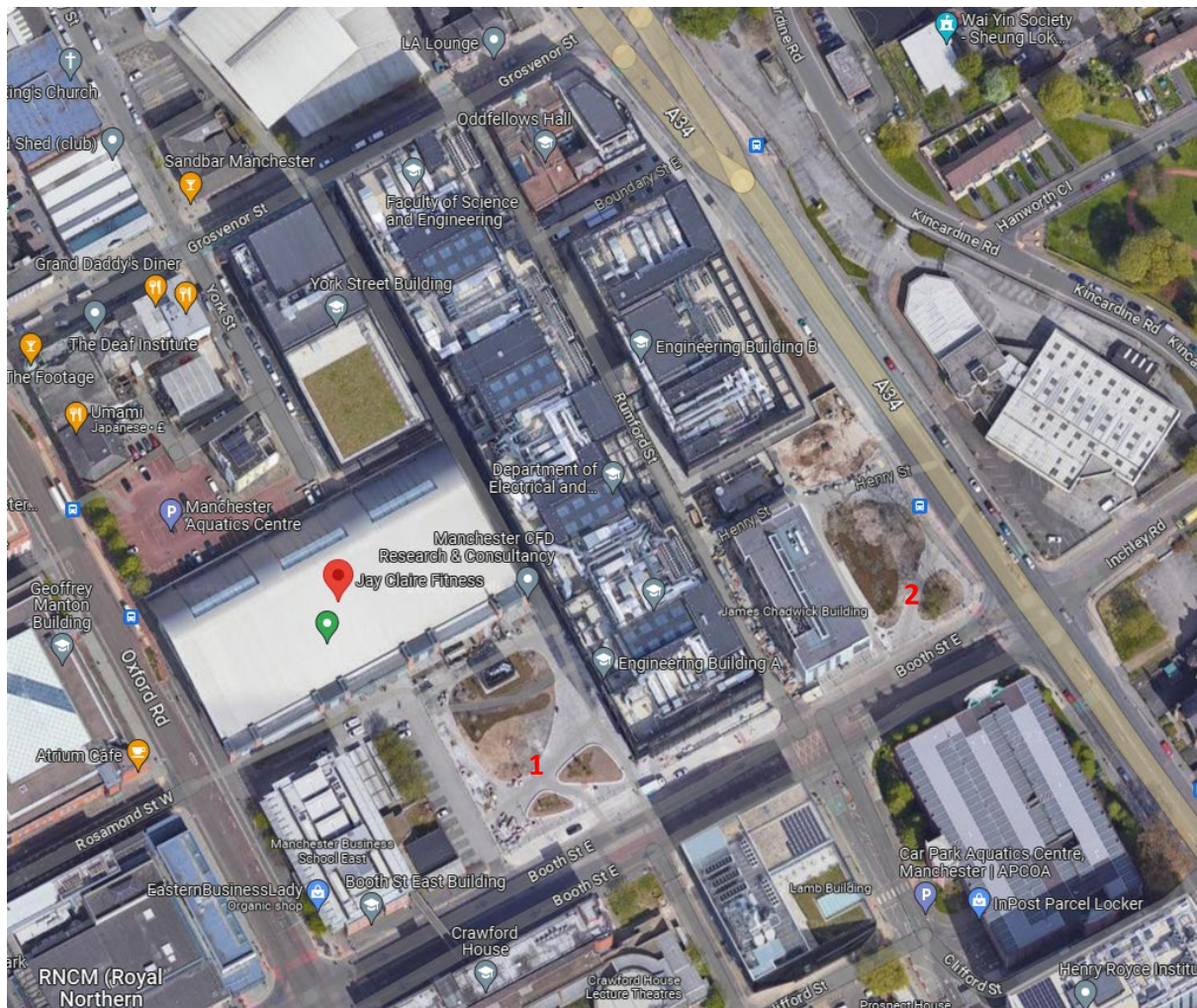
‘Before the areas of public realm hereby approved are first brought into use a detailed Event Management Strategy which includes detail of the following:

- a) Details of the types of events that would be held within the space;*
- b) Any temporary traffic measures that would be required to be put in place;*
- d) How full access for pedestrians and service vehicles to surrounding streets and buildings would be maintained;*
- e) Locations for vehicles including cranes to unload; and*
- f) An Operating Schedule for prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the City Council as Local Planning Authority.’*

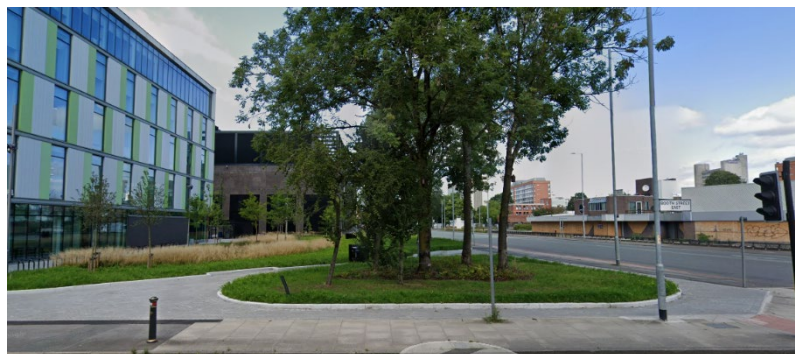
This Event Management Strategy addresses each element of this condition in turn.

a. Details of the types of events that would be held within the space

There are 2no. main public realm areas within the site. These are located at the south west corner of the site, adjacent to the western elevation of Engineering Building A (1), and at the south east corner of the site, adjacent to the eastern elevation of the James Chadwick Building (2), respectively. These are both indicated overleaf.



Due to the layout and heavily soft landscaped nature of the public realm areas indicated, with raised planting beds that also contain trees (see photos, right), they are not currently anticipated to be used as major, formal event spaces, and instead are more likely to be used as a place to socialise, relax, and study.



The above notwithstanding, any formal events that may take place within these spaces will be centred around University of Manchester (UoM) events, such as those instigated by the faculty or student recruitment pop ups. These would invariably take place within public realm area 1, due to the presence of the adjacent car park. If any events are expected to exceed an expected capacity of over 500 people, then management will be put in place to control the flow of people. Most events are expected to be of a smaller scale, however, typical of areas of this size and layout.

Any formal events that may take place are anticipated to only take place infrequently, with no set frequency in mind. As events will take place outside, they will naturally be weather dependant. The types of events will be subject to changes in demand and availability within the UoM campus. All outdoor events, regardless of the organiser, are booked through Estates/C&V, who have control/ownership of the outdoor event spaces across campus. C&V take responsibility for compliance and ensuring any due diligence.

(b) Any temporary traffic measures that would be required to be put in place

As mentioned, any formal events that may take place are not expected to be typically over 500 people. However, as most of the attendees would be students, it is expected that the majority of these trips would come from within walking or cycling distance of the site from the UoM or nearby residential areas, such as Rusholme or Fallowfield.

There are also bus stops in very close proximity to the site, on both Oxford Road and Upper Brook Street, where a large amount of the trips would be generated from, therefore ample public transport options would be available for students and members of the public.

Furthermore, cycling routes to and from the UoM provide a further non-car mode of transport to access the site, particularly with the network of Beryl Bikes to support the Bee Network covering a large extent of the Greater Manchester area.

In view of all the above, it is not expected that any events will generate a volume of traffic that will necessitate the temporary closure of roads or footpaths. For the scale of the events which may take place, it is expected that marshalling by stewards would suffice in terms of temporary traffic measures.

That notwithstanding, in scenarios where larger volumes of pedestrian flows are expected, there are measures that can be put in place by the UoM to control the flow of traffic, in consultation with Manchester City Council Highways Department, where necessary. Similarly, any road closures, should such be necessary, would be agreed with Manchester City Council Highways Department; this may require a Temporary Event Notice, for example. Any request for a road closure would be submitted no less than 8 weeks in advance of the event, in line with guidance on the Council's website.

(d) How full access for pedestrians and service vehicles to surrounding streets and buildings would be maintained

As stated above, it is not expected that any events will generate a volume of traffic that will necessitate the temporary closure of roads or footpaths.

Nevertheless, in the highly unlikely worst case scenario of a footpath closure along the full length of Booth Street East (from Oxford Road to Upper Brook Street), pedestrians would be able to use footpaths along the south side of that route to make journeys towards the east and west, which would then connect to footpaths on Oxford Road and Upper Brook Street, from which point they could make north and south journeys. For a partial closure, pedestrians could return to the north side of Booth Street East at the appropriate point.

In the event of any road closure along Booth Street East, cyclists would be able to make east and west journeys via Grosvenor Street, which would then connect to the aforementioned Oxford Road and Upper Brook Street. Motor vehicles would be able to follow the same route to make westbound journeys only, with eastbound journeys made via Dover Street to the south.

Even in the event of any such closures along Booth Street East, pedestrian and cyclist access to all buildings associated with the MECD development will be maintained by using the likes of Boundary Street East and Rumford Street.

To confirm, the Aquatics Centre is accessible on foot or by cycles off Oxford Road, with its car park located north of the building, so it would not be affected.

(e) Locations for vehicles including cranes to unload

The public realm areas are located directly off Booth Street East, with a layby area in position adjacent to public realm area 1, allowing easy access for the unloading of vehicles. It is not anticipated that cranes will be required to unload any materials and all necessary components for site set up related to event equipment should be able to be delivered on smaller vehicles, without the use of crane equipment.

(f) An Operating Schedule for prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the City Council as Local Planning Authority.

The UoM has dedicated security services, which operate all across the UoM Estate. The security team have four teams of twenty staff that patrol the Campus; on the Main Campus there are four dedicated staff that patrols the Oxford Road corridor. Security cameras are also in place.

All UoM security staff are fully trained in the use of CCTV and follow the national surveillance camera code of practice and the 1998 Data Protection Act. The UoM security work closely with local businesses, local people, police and other emergency services. They will attend the event space for incidents relating to first aid, crime, medical emergency and fire within adjacent UoM Buildings. Security Services can be contacted on 0161 306 9966 or security@manchester.ac.uk.

For any larger events that may occur, a safety advisory group can be set up. This will include representatives from UoM Estates, Manchester City Council, the local Police and Fire Services, and any other event service providers as necessary.

Conclusion

In line with the measures discussed above, it is understood that this Event Management Strategy meets the requirements as set out in Condition 16.