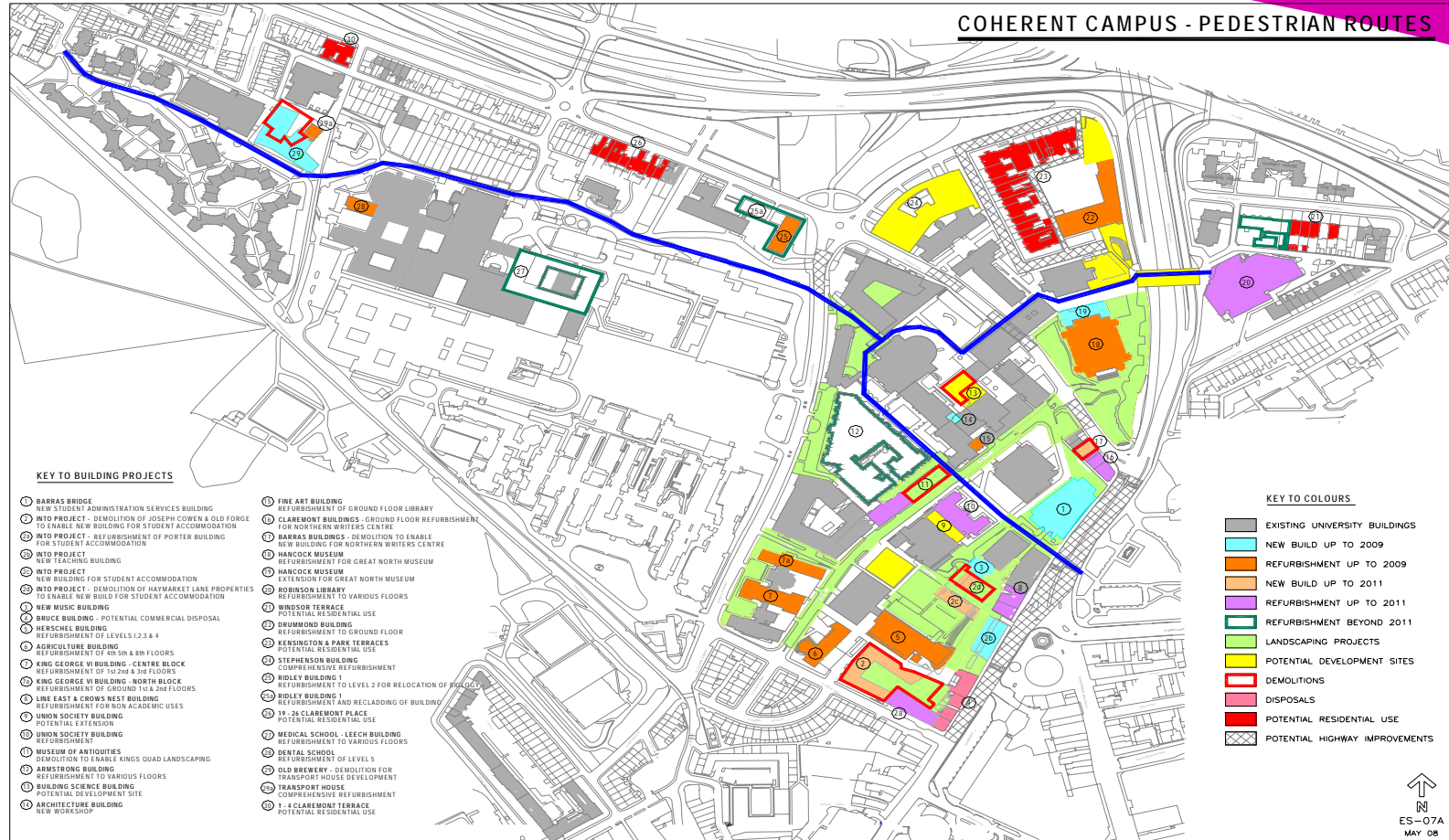


# Action List

arising from a 'think tank' workshop on  
**A COHERENT CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT**

26 June 2008

# Coherent Campus - Pedestrian Routes



# 1. Coherent Campus Plan: Outline

- Define a vision of the coherent campus environment:
  - ❑ A sense of place, but welcoming
  - ❑ Well-designed, well-linked social spaces
  - ❑ Permeable. Pedestrian- and cycle-friendly
  - ❑ Safe. Clean. Tidy.
  - ❑ Visually recognizable. Clearly defined.
  - ❑ Environmentally sustainable
- Decide on design principles
  - ❑ Consistency: signage, paving, landscaping
  - ❑ Coherence: different spaces, but a sense of unity
  - ❑ Vehicle access & parking: Cars in, not through
  - ❑ Slopes, not stairs; Pedestrian walkways
- Mount behaviour-changing campaigns?
- Implementation plan

## 2. CC Plan: Physical Aspects – specific ideas

- Landscaping & social space: new SAS Building, Students' Union, Northern Stage
- Pedestrianize & landscape King's Road; demolish former Museum of Antiquities Building; landscape King's Quad
- Upgrade courtyards (e.g. Merz Court)
- Update signage
- Standardise paving and street furniture. More seating outdoors.
- Map out Y-shaped major walkways
- Improve crossing of Claremont Road and Queen Victoria Road
- Plan for Library Bridge
- Cycle parking places. Showers. Lockers.
- More trees/shrubs/green spaces

# 3. CC Plan: Cultural and Lifestyle Aspects

- Cultural:
  - ❑ Public Art. Art gallery. Student art.
  - ❑ Theatre & Museum
  - ❑ Events management
- Lifestyle
  - ❑ Individual responsibility
  - ❑ Anti-litter Campaign – specifically against cigarette butts. ‘Clean-up day’?
  - ❑ Campaign promoting cycling & walking
  - ❑ Promote recycling & other sustainability measures
  - ❑ ‘Back door’ disposal arrangements
  - ❑ Social spaces
  - ❑ Lighting. Security cameras.

# 4. CC Plan: Other Aspects

- Link with city plans / Space Syntax Study / Newcastle Business Improvement District
- Public Transport plans
- Re-cladding buildings over time?
- Dealing with contractors
- Hoardings & info during building operations on campus.
- Long-term planning: central large lecture venue?

# 5. Implementation and Timeline

- Take a conscious decision that the 'coherent campus initiative' is the prioritized next phase of our Estate Strategy.
- Distinguish short-, medium- and long-term priorities.
- Budgetary issues: Establish funding priorities and join this up with capital planning.
- The target date for completion short-term items is 31 July 2009.
- ESS Working Group established to implement timed Action Plan.
- The responsible member of Executive Board is the Registrar.

# Short Term Targets – by 31 July 2009

- Enhance Y shaped pedestrian through routes (phased upgrading of lighting, repaving, bins, recycling facilities, signage) using recurrent budgets e.g. Library Bridge
- Embed Coherent Campus approach to design, projects and services
- Standardize street furniture designs and materials
- Improve control of traffic, parking and deliveries
- Increase and improve cycle parking
- More trees, planting, and seating



# Short Term Targets – by 31 July 2009

- Establish implementation plan & agree University funding strategy for pedestrian route improvement schemes, major landscaping and signage works (through Estate Committee)
- Commission pedestrian/cyclist movement study, with design options
- Commence design work for King's Quad, Old Quad and King's Road
- Tidy Campus Campaign: behavioural change, good housekeeping, no litter, no smoking, no dumping
- Embed environmental sustainability as a University key message
- Engage university community in key projects

# Longer Term Targets

- Implement major schemes as plan
- Work with City to achieve changes to Highways
- Work with City on Public Transport planning
- Staff sustainability training: energy, waste, carbon, travel and the tidy estate
- Healthy Living Campaign promoting cycling and walking