

Transport And Access Strategy

From the outset, HIE has prioritised integrating the Campus with the city via accessible active travel connections and sustainable transport. Significant investment in both on-site and off-site infrastructure supports this vision, including:

- Golden Bridge
- North Bridge
- South Bridge
- Footpaths and cycleways: 2.2km of new footpaths
- 3.7km of new shared foot and cycleway
- 1.8km of new roads with cyclist priority
- 6 bus shelters with real-time information
- EV charging across the site

This investment totals nearly £10M, and the Campus is one of the city's most accessible and sustainable locations. Thousands of journeys are made across the Campus' paths bridges each month. Phase 2 proposals will build upon this sustainable investment.

While HIE promotes active travel, car use will remain important for Campus users. Alongside the proposals for Phase 2, HIE has developed a robust strategy in collaboration with the Highland Council (THC) to manage increased traffic caused by new Campus development.



Traffic surveys have analysed current conditions, especially at key junctions like the site access and A9. Forecasts of additional traffic which may result from future development will inform a phased build out with highway capacity and planned infrastructure like the East Link Road also influencing this.

Modelling and surveys indicate that approximately 20,000sqm of floorspace across the full Campus can be developed before the East Link Road is operational.

The balance of the floorspace proposed in the application is dependent on the delivery of the East Link Road.

HIE will seek planning permission for the entire remaining site. However, due to limits on development before the East Link Road is completed, permission will include a 'Grampian condition' to restrict development.

This will give THC, HIE, and the local community clarity on the development scale possible before and after the East Link Road is finished.

