



## Manchester Digital Campus

The Government Property Agency (GPA) has now submitted its planning application (141607/FO/2024) for Manchester Digital Campus, which will be located adjacent to Co-op Academy New Islington on part of the former Central Retail Park. The full planning pack can be viewed on Manchester City Council's website, which also provides the opportunity to submit comments on the planning application.

Key details to note are as follows:

- The campus will comprise two sustainable office buildings and will be home to circa 7,000 civil servants from various departments with a focus on digital skills
- The scheme will deliver high quality new public realm as well as new shops units fronting Great Ancoats Street
- The scheme paves the way for a new public park, which is a separate planning application (141625/VO/2024) being led by Manchester City Council
- Subject to planning, the intention is to commence a package of enabling works in 2025, which includes creating a permanent boundary wall to the school to help mitigate the construction impacts and the GPA is already in discussions with the school
- The main build will be undertaken to allow the campus to open in 2030
- To minimise any adverse construction impacts a Construction Management Plan will be prepared and implemented, monthly updates will be provided during the build to keep everyone updated, and dedicated points of contact at the GPA and the contractor appointed to address any concerns raised

Parents or anyone associated with Co-op Academy New Islington can make direct contact with the GPA with any questions or queries via [info@fcrp-manchester.co.uk](mailto:info@fcrp-manchester.co.uk)

