

# Manchester Metropolitan University: New Science & Engineering Building



## Innovative new Science and Engineering Building in Manchester

### CLIENT

Manchester Metropolitan University

### LPA

Manchester City Council

### STATUS

Planning permission granted

### SERVICES

Planning, Economics, Strategic Communications, EIA

### Our role

- New state-of-the-art building for the Faculty of Science and Engineering; providing new teaching spaces, cutting-edge laboratories, academic offices, social learning area and a new energy centre, as well as extensive public realm works.
- The proposals will assist the faculty in driving new scientific discovery, nurturing innovation in hydrogen fuel cell technology and Industry 4.0 technologies, and growing existing partnerships with local businesses.
- The new building will physically connect to the university's retained estate; maximising efficiency and the transfer of scientific knowledge and research to 'real world' applications.
- We provided Planning, EIA, Strategic Communications and Economics (health impact) services for the project, including leading the preparation and submission of the planning application and pre-application engagement with key stakeholders and the local community.

### Results

- We are providing planning strategy advice throughout the multi-phase project, including in relation to the decant of the existing building on the site, and temporary relocation of uses during the build process, in order to minimise disruption to the university's staff and students and ensure the construction programme can be achieved.
- The striking new building will create a new 'gateway' to the campus through the redevelopment of an underutilised site adjacent to Manchester's Inner Ring Road.
- Planning permission was granted in March 2020. Demolition works started on site in January 2021, and the works are expected to be complete in 2023.