



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: Manchester City Council
LOCATION: Greater Manchester
(Northenden, Moston & Hulme)
CONSTRUCTION VALUE: £18.9m
(combined value)
CONTRACTOR: ISG
START - FINISH DATE: July 2020 –
August 2021
SECTOR: Education
FORM OF CONTRACT: NEC3
DELIVERY TYPE: Design & Build



SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:

- 245 Apprentice weeks
- 12 Education activities
- 20 Community activities
- 3 Jobs created for local disadvantaged people
- 10 Employment support activities
- 3 Pre-employment work placements
- 12 Work placements for those in education
- 60 Training weeks
- 70% Local supply chain
- 50% Local labour within Greater Manchester



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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The new Southern Cross, Castlefield Campus and Camberwell Park schools are the latest programme of schools for Manchester City Council (MCC), catering for students with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. The schemes will see ISG collaborate with MCC, consultants and trusted supply chain partners to develop detailed design solutions that meet the needs of a modern SEMH school.

The schools will benefit from an integrated design team (Ellis Williams, Hydrock and Ridge) who have worked collaboratively to develop, along with the client and end users, repeatable designs that can be used as industry exemplars to address the need for further high quality, dedicated and specialist learning environments across Greater Manchester, allowing students to reach their full academic potential. The new schools will provide landscaping to the surroundings, with the opportunity to leave legacy gardens, adding value to the community beyond construction. The programme is targeting a BREEAM rating of 'Very Good'.

KEY CHALLENGES

The three projects will commence on site during the ongoing unprecedented global pandemic. Careful coordination is crucial to project success and fixed completion dates in readiness of the schools opening for the 2021/22 academic year. The team have put in place a number of control measures to ensure the health and safety of the workforce and the wider communities, and to mitigate against potential delays. This includes adjustments to our Construction Phase Health & Safety Plan (CPP), following Covid-19 best practice guidelines as set out by the Construction Leadership Council and the introduction of an ISG Covid-19 App. Measures include staggered start times and temperature checking at the entrance to site as well as virtual team meetings and restrictions on visitors to site. Effective virtual meetings are already underway and have brought value to the programme due to their flexibility. A robust commercial strategy has also been developed with early supply chain engagement and a detailed procurement schedule, addressing potential delays with materials and workforce planning.

Consideration has been taken to ensure programming and logistics cause as little impact as possible on the houses that surround all three school sites across the city centre, working with MCC and holding a face to face pre-planning consultation during the initial contract stages.

"We are delighted to be working with Manchester City Council again on its latest school programme...Despite the challenges of Covid-19, we have been able to continue to progress these important schemes, achieved through effective partnership working across the whole team. This ethos is integral to the North West Construction Hub and a key driver of its continued success as a procurement partner for public sector schemes across the region."

NEIL WALKER, FRAMEWORK DIRECTOR, ISG