Brookfield

We are developing proposals to upgrade our facilities at Brookfield to provide a new home for our School of Business and an outstanding environment for students, staff and visitors.

Brookfield's history

Brookfield was built as a small country house in 1876. It was the first house in Leicester to be faced in half-timbering.

Brookfield House has played a central role in Leicester’s recent history. As well as being home to Thomas Fielding Johnson, it was the residence of the Bishop of Leicester, later becoming the Charles Frears Nursing College.

Who was Thomas Fielding Johnson?

Thomas Fielding Johnson was born in 1828. He was a worsted (wool) spinner and a prominent Victorian Leicester businessman.

Thomas was a philanthropist and, amongst his many acts of generosity, he donated a 15 hectare site and buildings to the establishment of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland University College. This later became the University of Leicester.

The recent transformation

We acquired Brookfield in 2013 and, in 2014, it became home to the Postgraduate Teaching Centre.
Our proposals

Our School of Business is currently based on the main campus, spread out across a series of buildings. The proposals will enable the School of Business to be on one site, more suited to their needs.

The new home for the School of Business at Brookfield, just a 15 minute walk from the main campus, will improve facilities and provide a dedicated teaching resource to become a centre of excellence.

The designs for Brookfield have taken the building requirements of the School of Business into account, as well as the historical context of the buildings set in the Stoneygate Conservation Area.

What do the plans involve?

These proposals will bring Brookfield back to its former glory through modest extension and refurbishment. This consists of:

- Renovating the whole site and bringing Brookfield House back into use.
- Replacing the extension to Brookfield House.
- Upgrading existing office space and facilities.
Considerations
We understand that there are some topics that local people will want to know more about.

Heritage
We appreciate Brookfield’s historic setting in the Stoneygate Conservation Area and our proposals have been carefully designed to respond to this in a sympathetic way. The materials proposed have been carefully selected to complement the existing structure.

Movement and transport
Brookfield has excellent accessibility via sustainable modes of transport. We will encourage our staff and students to use these modes of transport rather than their cars when travelling to Brookfield.

- **Bus** – The site is well served by buses to the city centre and Oadby Student Village.
- **Walking** – The site is easily accessible on foot. It is within a walkable distance from the popular student residential areas of Highfields, Evington and Clarenden Park, as well as the student residences at Nixon Court, Freemen’s Common and Opal Court.
- **Cycling** – The site is served by the National Cycle Route NCN63, which links the main University campus with the city centre and De Montfort University. The route also links Brookfield with Oadby Student Village, Freemen’s Common and Nixon Court.
- **Rail** – Brookfield is just a 20 minute walk away from Leicester railway station.
Next steps
We value local knowledge and opinion in the development of our proposals.

We will continue to refine our proposals ahead of submitting a planning application. During this time, we will consider all of the feedback that we have received and incorporate your comments where possible.

We greatly appreciate your feedback and ask that you submit it by Friday 28 July 2017.

Find out more and have your say
There are number of ways you can provide your feedback and find out more about our proposals for Brookfield:

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