

CONSULTATION NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2020

# A new centre for eye care, research and education in Camden



**We are seeking your views on our early designs for a new, world-leading integrated eye care, research and education centre on the site of the St Pancras Hospital in Camden.**

The project is a partnership between Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (Moorfields), UCL, and Moorfields Eye Charity.

Our sight is a critically important sense. Sight loss is an increasing reality for many people, and it is estimated that by 2050 there will be four million people in the UK living with sight loss.

Since 2012, we have been working together on plans to develop a new, purpose-built centre of excellence for eye care, research and education. This initiative is called Oriel. Our plans would see us relocate the services of Moorfields Eye Hospital on City Road and the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology on Bath Street from our current buildings in Islington, to the St Pancras Hospital site in Camden, allowing us to continue to be a world-leader in eye-health services.

**This newsletter will provide you with an overview of our plans. Further information, including a consultation booklet can be found on our website. For hard copy information please contact us.**

Alternative formats are available on request. Please contact us for more information.

## Have your say

As we progress our plans, we want your views on the early designs of the new centre. This feedback will be essential in helping us design a centre that is modern, fit for purpose and accessible for patients, carers and other users.

We will share more detailed designs after the summer, where you will again have the opportunity to provide comments, before submitting a planning application to Camden Council later in the year.

Your feedback is important to us, and you can have your say in the following ways;

Join one of our online discussion meetings on

- **Tuesday 18 August (6pm-7pm)**
- **Monday 24 August (6pm-7pm)**

To register your attendance please email or call us.



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# Our vision

Our vision is for a modern, new integrated eye care, research and education facility, bringing together the existing expertise of the partners under one roof. This will enable closer collaboration to transform the future of eye care for the benefit of patients, carers, health professionals, researchers and students.



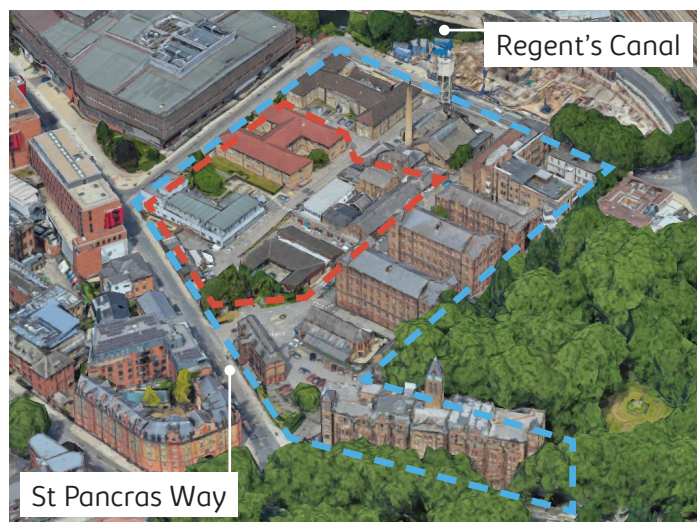
## The proposed new site at St Pancras Hospital

The five-acre site at St Pancras Hospital is currently owned by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust. The existing mental health inpatient wards are planned to move to a new facility next to the existing Highgate Mental Health Centre and the Whittington Hospital. As part of the wider redevelopment of the site, specialist community mental health services will remain in a newly designed building on the St Pancras site, while other mental health and physical health services will be moved elsewhere in the borough. For more information please visit [www.candi.nhs.uk/about-us/plans-redevelop-our-facilities/consultation-and-engagement](http://www.candi.nhs.uk/about-us/plans-redevelop-our-facilities/consultation-and-engagement)

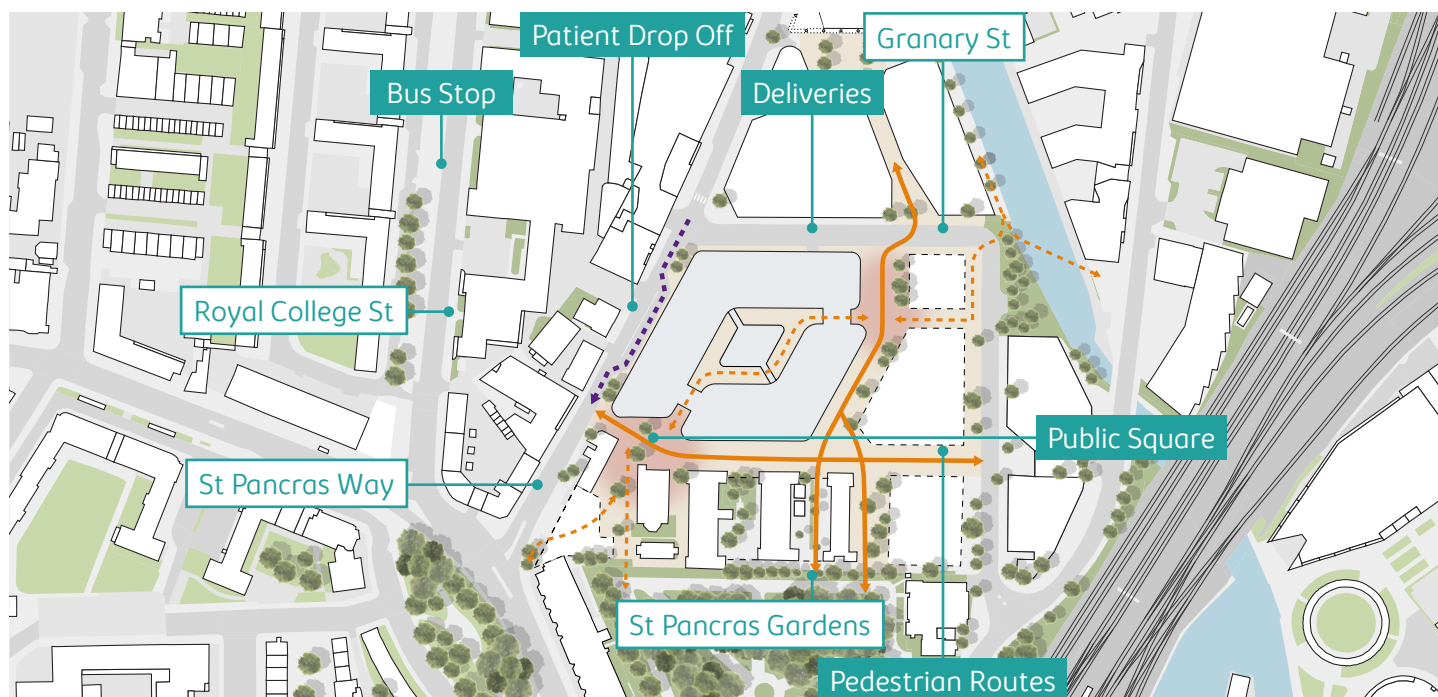
The proposed new eye-health centre would be within London's Knowledge Quarter – an area which has one of the highest densities of knowledge based, cultural and scientific businesses anywhere in the world, including the Francis Crick Institute and the Wellcome Trust.

The neighbourhood around our proposed new building is seeing considerable change and is part of a designated regeneration area. We are proposing to develop two acres of the five-acre St Pancras Hospital site. Proposals for the remaining three acres of the St Pancras Hospital site are being brought forward by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust's

development partner, King's Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP). KCCLP is still at a very early stage of design for their development but we are already working closely with them to ensure the whole area is developed seamlessly and becomes a genuinely open, accessible, and positive contribution to the neighbourhood.



Aerial view of the existing St Pancras Hospital site, showing our proposed two acre site outlined in red and the wider five acre masterplan outlined in blue.



Indicative view of wider masterplan.



# Creating our new world-leading centre

The designs for our new facility have been developed in close collaboration with our staff, as well as with input from patient groups. We are now seeking your views on our early designs and are fully committed to working in partnership with our patients, staff and the local community so that we can together achieve our vision of a truly integrated and world-leading centre.

**The proposed new centre will be designed as an open and welcoming environment with a highly innovative and flexible layout.**

**Key design features**

- At the building's heart, we are proposing a spacious atrium surrounded by the clinical, research and education spaces. See front cover for indicative view of the proposed atrium.
- The ground floor of the atrium will be arranged over two levels and will be open and accessible so that external public realm continues seamlessly through the building, creating a new public space for the area.
- The remaining interior will be designed to achieve a user-friendly design for our diverse user base, including those with sight loss, through innovative use of material, visual contrast and technology to help with wayfinding and navigation around the building.

- The building will host a wide range of different functions - outpatient services, day-surgery and recovery areas with a small number of inpatient beds, A&E, patient support services, dedicated lab space for research, clinical trials and innovation, and education and conference space.



View along St Pancras Way from the southwest. A new public square leads to the new entrance.



## Have your say

**We want to hear your thoughts on the proposals we have set out in this booklet. Please use the space below to tell us your views. Once complete, you can tear off the comments form and post it back to us with the freepost address on the rear. You do not need to use a stamp. If you would like to provide additional comments or ask questions, please use the contact details on the front page.**

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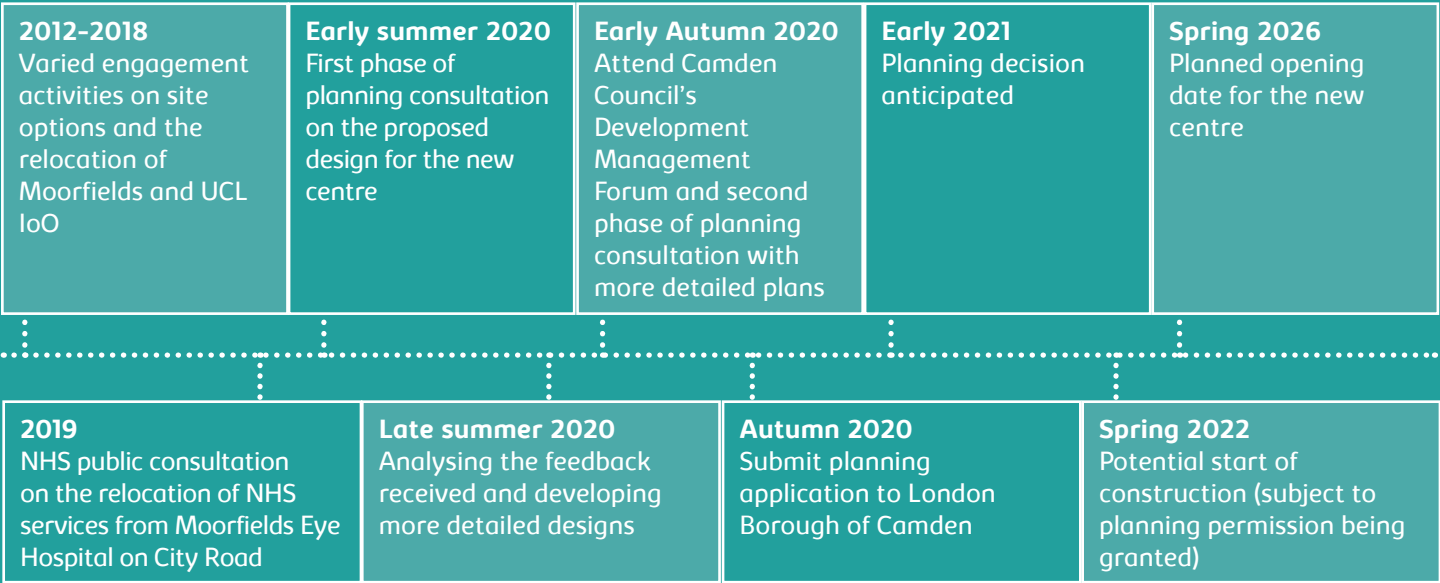
If you wish to be kept informed about progress with this consultation and development, please tick this box. We are required to collect consultation data in respect of these proposals so that feedback from the local community can be assessed and summarised within the planning application documents. Please be assured however that we will not hold or use your data for any other purpose whatsoever.

# Further work

A programme of consultation is being undertaken separately on people’s journeys to the proposed centre.

This will be led by the inclusive design team at Buro Happold and will include engagement with staff, patients, the local community and organisations within the eye health and sight loss community. This consultation will particularly explore the accessibility of “the last half mile”, especially pedestrian routes from local transport links to the site.

## Indicative project timeline



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