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A PLACE TO INSPIRE

One of the most ambitious projects in Scotland, Inverness Campus will be a nationally and internationally significant location for business, research and education. With the first buildings opening to the public in 2015, Inverness Campus will offer a high quality environment for learning, innovation, collaboration and business development.

Developed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), the Campus occupies 215 acres of prime development land at Beechwood, east Inverness, adjacent to Raigmore Hospital, LifeScan Scotland and the Centre for Health Science on one side and Inverness Retail and Business Park on the other.

A number of key organisations are already supporting the Inverness Campus project, including the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), Inverness College UHI, the Centre for Health Science, Scotland's Rural College and Calbyn Ltd, a social enterprise joint venture between Albyn Housing Society and the Calman Trust. These partners are working together to develop new projects and grow opportunities for the region. HIE is currently marketing a number of fully serviced plots to companies wishing to join this collaborative partnership.

In addition to those organisations who will have a presence on the new Campus, other strategic partners such as NHS Highland, the Highland Council and the Scottish Funding Council are involved in the development.

Inverness Campus will be an important driver of the economy of the Highlands and Islands for generations to come. The vision is for an outstanding built environment with world class facilities, well designed, sustainable buildings and generous landscaped green space which will combine to draw people to the area. Inverness Campus will attract businesses, professionals and students to the region and is expected to generate up to 6,000 jobs over the next 30 years.

The Scottish Government considers Inverness Campus to be one of Scotland's key development opportunities. John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, chairs the Inverness Campus Partnership Forum and the Campus enjoys the benefits of having Enterprise Area status for Life Science. This recognises the development's significant potential to create jobs, stimulate private investment and boost economic growth, particularly in the Life Science sector.



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A PLACE TO COLLABORATE

There are a number of organisations involved in the development of Inverness Campus. Some, like Inverness College UHI, will own their building and deliver defined projects. Others, the NHS and Centre for Health Science for example, are involved in supporting joint projects which will develop opportunities in the healthcare sector.

Each partner organisation has a voice on the Partnership Forum which provides an opportunity to work together and ensure that the potential of the Campus is maximised.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

Key research and education departments from the university will be located in the ERC. Activities will include Life Science education and research, teaching in offshore surveying and marine technology, and research into both the rural economy and rural health.

LIFE SCIENCE BUILDING

A new building, developed by HIE, will offer a purpose built facility for businesses in the Life Sciences sector. This 1000sq.m. building will initially be built as a 'shell' which will be flexible enough to be fitted out according to client requirements. It will also be extendable to facilitate growth over time, and the building will be located to take advantage of Enterprise Area incentives available for eligible Life Science businesses.

HOTEL ARTYSANS

Hotel Artysans will be a commercial hotel with 117 bedrooms, offering four-star accommodation and service but with a distinct social purpose. The hotel will provide a unique learning environment for young people seeking training, qualifications and career opportunities.

The hotel development will be taken forward by Calbyn Ltd - a social enterprise partnership, the first of its kind in the UK.

INVERNESS COLLEGE UHI

In 2015 Inverness College UHI will open its doors to students in their new location at Inverness Campus.

ENTERPRISE AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ERC)

In an innovative new project the region's development agency, HIE, will co-locate with key departments from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and Scotland's Rural College (SRUC). Also under consideration is: the development of a 'science academy' aimed at encouraging younger people to become involved in science, engineering and technology; a 'digital excellence centre'; and a 'regional marketing suite' to assist in promoting the Highlands and Islands.

SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) plans to relocate existing Inverness-based activities to a modern, bespoke facility on the Campus. SRUC's research centre for Comparative Epidemiology and Medicine, and Agricultural Business Consultancy services will co-locate with complementary themes activities from UHI.



Ongoing construction - view across Campus to Moray Firth

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A PLACE TO INVEST

The Highlands and Islands has a growing reputation for innovation and opportunities across a number of sectors including energy, creative industries and life science. Inverness Campus offers an opportunity for enterprising organisations to locate in a stunning environment alongside others inspired by the chance to work together and share knowledge to grow their business or project.



Current activity in the Life Science sector offers exciting growth opportunities for existing and new enterprises. The sector has experienced rapid growth across the area in the last 15 years largely due to diabetes research and diagnostics. Potential for future growth is anticipated in the areas of digital health, rural healthcare and medical technologies.

Inverness Campus sits with immediate neighbours Raigmore Hospital and LifeScan Scotland in a cluster of healthcare organisations. The nearby Centre for Health Science is unique in combining: university research and education; clinical care; private sector R&D and business development; clinical skills training and clinical trials facilities, all under one roof. The project has already demonstrated the considerable advantages of co-locating organisations who have similar objectives and the Campus aims

to take this approach on to a higher level. The designation of Inverness Campus as an Enterprise Area brings with it a range of incentives, including rates relief, opportunity to access superfast broadband, and a streamlined planning process for eligible companies interested in locating to the site. In addition HIE offers a range of business support incentives.

Inverness Campus sits alongside the A9 and A96, the main trunk roads linking Inverness to Scotland's other cities. Inverness train and bus stations are a short drive away, as is Inverness Airport which is connected internationally to Amsterdam and to over a dozen UK airports with three flights a day to London.

The Campus is designed for easy access by foot, cycle and public transport. A pedestrian and cycle bridge built across the A9 links the Campus with the city centre and the Life Science district.

HIE is currently marketing a number of fully serviced development plots to organisations looking to establish themselves on the Campus.

Full details can be found on our website www.invernesscampus.co.uk



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A PLACE TO STUDY



Inverness College UHI under construction

In autumn 2015 Inverness College UHI, the largest partner in the University of the Highlands and Islands, will be the first building to open at Inverness Campus. The new state-of-the-art premises will enable the College to realise its ambitious vision of creating a tertiary education environment for the 21st century. The £50m 18,500 sqm facility will offer leading edge facilities for further and higher education courses, alongside post-graduate opportunities and in-work training. A purpose built research facility will assist the expansion of the existing nascent research base and offer facilities for PhD students. Inverness College UHI already offers a range of niche courses that attract students from far afield.

The vision is to further expand the higher education offering with a focus on 'specialist' courses such as Renewables, Aquaculture, Rural Studies, Forestry and Architectural Technology.

Almost 6,000 students study through Inverness College UHI with a substantial number attending part-time or making use of distance learning facilities.

The new education building will become part of the community and will both build links with the local business community and offer new levels of accessibility to the exciting new facilities for the general public.

The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) will also provide teaching at the new shared premises on the Campus with courses linked to research specialisms.

Student accommodation will be developed on site, along with an exciting mix of sports and recreational amenities, all located within an attractive, landscaped parkland setting. This will complement the provision of city centre student accommodation and offer a choice to students coming to live and study in Inverness.



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A PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Inverness Campus is a facility for everybody and with over 30 acres of parkland it will provide access for all the community to a high quality public amenity. It will also feature a range of facilities for the use by the general public as well as those based on the Campus.

Planning is underway for a major sports complex to be located within the Campus with high quality facilities aimed at both students and Campus based staff, but also open to the wider community in and around Inverness. The centre will cater for a wide range of sports and activities. Links to the healthcare profession are currently being developed with a view to developing academic themes in fitness and wellbeing and improving health outcomes through sport.

The site will be a gathering place where people work, learn, live and spend their leisure time. It will be a location for outdoor events. Facilities will be in place for walkers, runners and cyclists. The core Campus area offers priority to pedestrians and those on bikes. Investment in new roads, paths, cycle-ways and public transport will ensure the Campus is well connected to the city of Inverness and beyond.

Well designed hard and soft landscaping features and the attention to detail in the high quality materials and finishes make Inverness Campus an outstanding civic amenity and a place of which the community can be very proud.



View over Campus to Ben Wyvis - 7N Architects

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Aerial view - Wider Inverness Campus and city, 7N Architects