

Indicative MK:U Timetable, at 09/08/2018

The following sets out the indicative timetable for the MK:U project, to open a new technology based undergraduate university in Central Milton Keynes, on Block B4.

Where appropriate, hyperlinks to relevant decision making reports are included.

Timings are considered indicative at this stage, but the opening the CMK campus in September 2023 is the agreed overall target.

MK Futures 2050 Commission report " Making a Great City Greater " published, recommending the creation of a new technology university for CMK	July 2016
Preparation of a Business and Development Plan for MK:U, by Cranfield University	January – July 2017
Launch of the Invitation to Tender to find a lead Higher Education partner for MK:U	September 2017
Formal appointment of Cranfield University as the lead HE partner for MK:U by MKC's Cabinet, approving an 18-month period to fully test feasibility of proposal ahead of a "go/no go" decision	March 2018
Ongoing land deal discussions between MKC, Cranfield University and MK Development Partnership (as landowners of the site, B4)	May 2018 – ongoing
Design of courses, educational model, funding methods and governance arrangements	May 2018 – ongoing
Set up of MK:U as a formal entity, to include directors from Cranfield University and MKC	Summer 2018
Confirmation of funding for Architectural Competition and request to waive requirement to prepare a Development Brief for Block B4 (<i>report not published at time of writing</i>)	July and August 2018
Launch of an international Architectural Competition to select multi-disciplinary team to develop the masterplan and design the first buildings for MK:U on Block B4 in CMK	October 2018
Announcement of winning team	June 2019
End of feasibility testing period and "go/no go" decision (explanation of decision in March 2018 Cabinet Report)	c. October 2019
Planning process for first phase of MK:U campus	Summer 2019 – early 2020
Construction period	2021 – 2023
Soft launch of MK:U – first intake of students	2021
Opening of new CMK campus on Block B4	September 2023