



# Proposed Sports Development: Introduction

## INTRODUCTION BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Welcome to the exhibition. Edge Hill University is proud to share its exciting proposals for replacement and enhanced sports facilities with you.



The last ten years has been a period of considerable success for the University. We are increasingly regarded by many students as their preferred place to study as evidenced by the growth in applications and have received numerous awards recognising the quality of our teaching and learning. We are the United Kingdom's largest provider of education and training for the whole school workforce. We are the third largest employer in West Lancashire and over the last 5 years have contributed up to £800m to the local economy. Over £105m has been invested into the physical environment over the last decade which has led to a high quality sustainable-led campus where students, staff and the local community can study, work and play. Achievements of which we which we can all be proud.

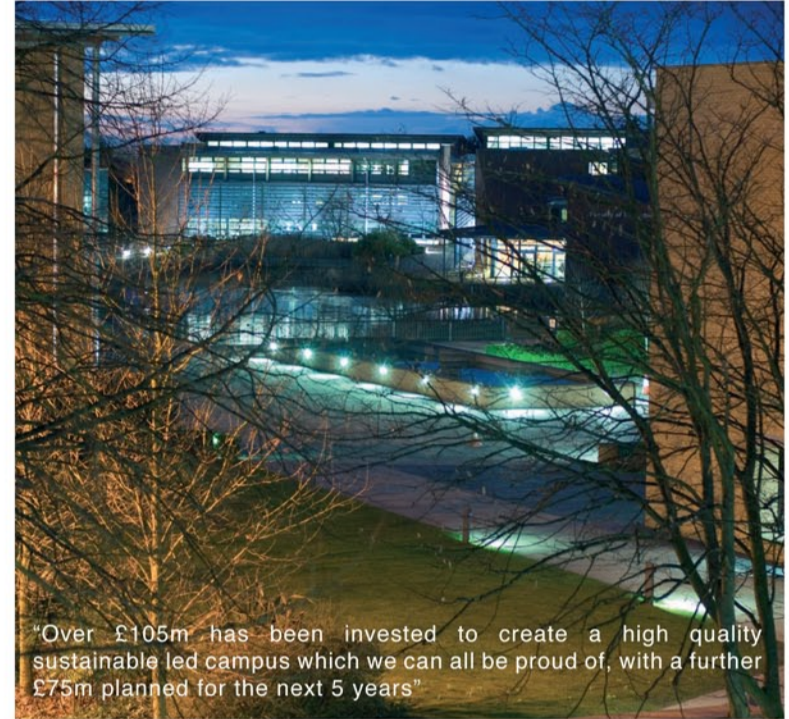
We wish to continue this success but as we embark upon our 125th anniversary, there are challenges ahead. To remain competitive and attractive to students, the University needs to improve and expand the campus community and experience. We are now in the position where we need to relocate our existing sports facilities eastwards to release areas within the existing campus footprint for redevelopment. This also however, presents an opportunity to improve and enhance these facilities to service our rapidly developing sports science and physiology departments and the local community which make over 160,000 visits to the current sport facilities each year.

What we propose is a state of the art sporting facility for the University and for the community. As with all campus development, we have applied robust sustainability principles to create an exciting facility set within a high quality and sympathetic landscape and ecological/wildlife setting. We have also taken the opportunity to create new and improved access arrangement onto the campus thereby seeking to relieve access issues from St Helens Road.

We want to hear your views and I encourage you to speak to our team and complete the short comment form.

We hope you can support our proposals.

Dr John Cater



"Over £105m has been invested to create a high quality sustainable led campus which we can all be proud of, with a further £75m planned for the next 5 years"



"Facilities need to continually improve and be enhanced to ensure the University delivers its 2015 Vision and be identified as one of the most successful universities in the North West"