

HMP Glasgow - Proposition

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) has awarded Kier the preconstruction services contract to deliver HMP Glasgow. This facility will replace HMP Barlinnie and scheduled for completion in summer of 2026. SPS will work closely with Kier forming a strategic alliance to build a facility that will deliver the proposition set out below:

“Our supportive community provides safe and accessible opportunity for people to develop the relationships and resources required to comprehend and understand life events; the confidence, skills and supports to manage things in their control; and identify worthwhile pursuits that offer meaning and purpose. Through the physical resources and talent of the people who work, live and visit our prison we provide a social value that is world leading in a custodial context and positively impacts on the wellbeing of our wider community. Our sustainable approaches have a direct and positive contribution to the environment through delivery of a circular economy that benefits the internal and external community.”

Location & Capacity

HMP Glasgow will be a modern facility that will from the Royston road view, look like a modern school/university. The attached picture shows the new site highlighted in red, shown in relation to the position of HMP Barlinnie (circled).

As a direct replacement for HMP Barlinnie, HMP Glasgow will provide a custodial facility for untried and convicted adult males, primarily from Glasgow City and the West of Scotland. We expect the capacity to be similar to the number of people in HMP Barlinnie.



What to expect

HMP Glasgow will be a secure prison and our aim through design is to complement the landscape and outlook by employing the most modern architecture possible. SPS & Kier will work together to design and build the best possible facility to serve its intended purpose, but it is important to us that we integrate with and provide meaningful ties with the local community.

The next 15 months will focus on design and consultation with stakeholders, including local residents who we hope to engage with directly and through well-established community groups/housing associations. We will work hard to develop different ways of engaging with the community. During this phase, you will not see any significant construction works but there will be pre-construction activities happening such as site surveys, clearance and groundworks.

Questions & Answers

Q: What will happen and when?

A: Our timeline is:

- Design & pre-construction phases: Summer 2022 – Winter 2023
- Construction phase: Winter 2023 – Summer 2026
- Operational: Autumn – Winter 2026

Q: Who have you spoken with in the communities surrounding the site so far?

A: SPS & Kier recognise the local community and community groups as important stakeholders. At this early stage we have connected with various local community groups, local housing providers, MSP's & City Councillors and have taken a steer from them on what engagement routes will have optimum impact and meaningful connection with the people that live there.

Q: How will we keep up to date with what is happening?

A: As the project develops, the way we will communicate will adapt and change according to needs. Some of the ways in which we expect to do this will include - Newsletters; Community engagement sessions; Partnerships with community groups, Email / Phone, Site office – drop in.

Q: How do you intend to manage any disruption?

A: Initially disruption will be minimal but as we get closer to the construction start date more construction related traffic and more deliveries will be noticeable. Kier will implement a detailed traffic management plan and construction site delivery schedule during these works. We aim to reduce as much as possible the impact of construction related traffic and deliveries on local communities and businesses. We will provide off street parking for all construction vehicles and schedule larger deliveries to avoid 'peak' times of the day such as during school drop off and pick up. We will monitor noise, dust and vibration that is generated by construction activities to ensure it is well with in statutory regulations.

Q: Is there a design we can look at?

A: Not yet, it is too early in the project. However, the facility will be very modern and unlike traditional Prison design with an attractive community façade.

Q: Where will the entrance be?

A: There are 2 main existing access routes already established from Royston Road and the other from Blochairn Road which will be utilised for construction vehicle access, during the construction works. We will then construct a new entrance from Royston Road which will be the permanent entrance once HMP Glasgow is fully operational.

Q: Will the community be able to access or benefit from any facilities?

A: As you will see from our proposition one of the key outcomes we have is to improve the health and wealth of the people we manage and the wider community. We will explore all opportunities as to how we can develop the facility to offer community benefits.

Q: Will there be any opportunities for employment / training?

A: SPS and Kier are developing social value strategy for the project which will include employment and training specific opportunities. We are committed to work collaboratively to create and deliver social value outcomes which are tailored to local needs and support the local community. Employment and training opportunities will be available at later stage of the project.

Q: Will transport links be developed?

A: SPS & Kier will fully engage with Glasgow City Council to explore options and possibilities to develop transport links.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: To identify the best ways to engage and ensure as we progress through the design phase we use key moments to seek the views of you, the local community, on what would best suit your needs and keep you informed of any opportunities arise that would be of community interest or value.