

Social Responsibility Conference

Accessibility Guide - Core Technology Facility

Welcome Message



We are committed to making the Social Responsibility Conference as inclusive and accessible as possible. If you have any accessibility requirements or would like to discuss adjustments in advance, please contact the conference team at SRBMH@Manchester.ac.uk

Getting to the Venue

By Train

Manchester Piccadilly is the nearest mainline station and is fully accessible, with lifts, accessible toilets, assistance facilities and step-free routes throughout the station.

From Piccadilly Station, you can:

- Take a taxi (approximately 10 minutes, depending on traffic).
- Travel by bus along Oxford Road.
- Use the accessible walking route to the University campus (approximately 25–30 minutes).

If you require assistance at the station, Passenger Assist can be arranged in advance through your train operator.

By Bus

The University is well served by buses running along Oxford Road, one of Manchester's main public transport corridors.

Frequent services include routes operated by Stagecoach and Bee Network, with buses running from:

- Manchester Piccadilly
- Manchester City Centre
- Manchester Victoria
- South Manchester and Greater Manchester suburbs

The nearest bus stops are on Oxford Road, a short distance from the CTF. Most buses operating on this route are low-floor vehicles with wheelchair access and priority seating.

By Tram (Metrolink)

The nearest Metrolink stop is St Peter's Square, which provides step-free access.

From there attendees can:

- Transfer to an accessible bus service along Oxford Road.
- Take a taxi to the venue.
- Walk to the University campus (approximately 20–25 minutes).

Parking at the Venue

The University of Manchester provides free parking for pre-booked disabled visitors holding a valid Blue Badge. Wherever possible, visitors will be allocated parking as close as possible to the building they are visiting, with access arranged through the campus intercom help points.

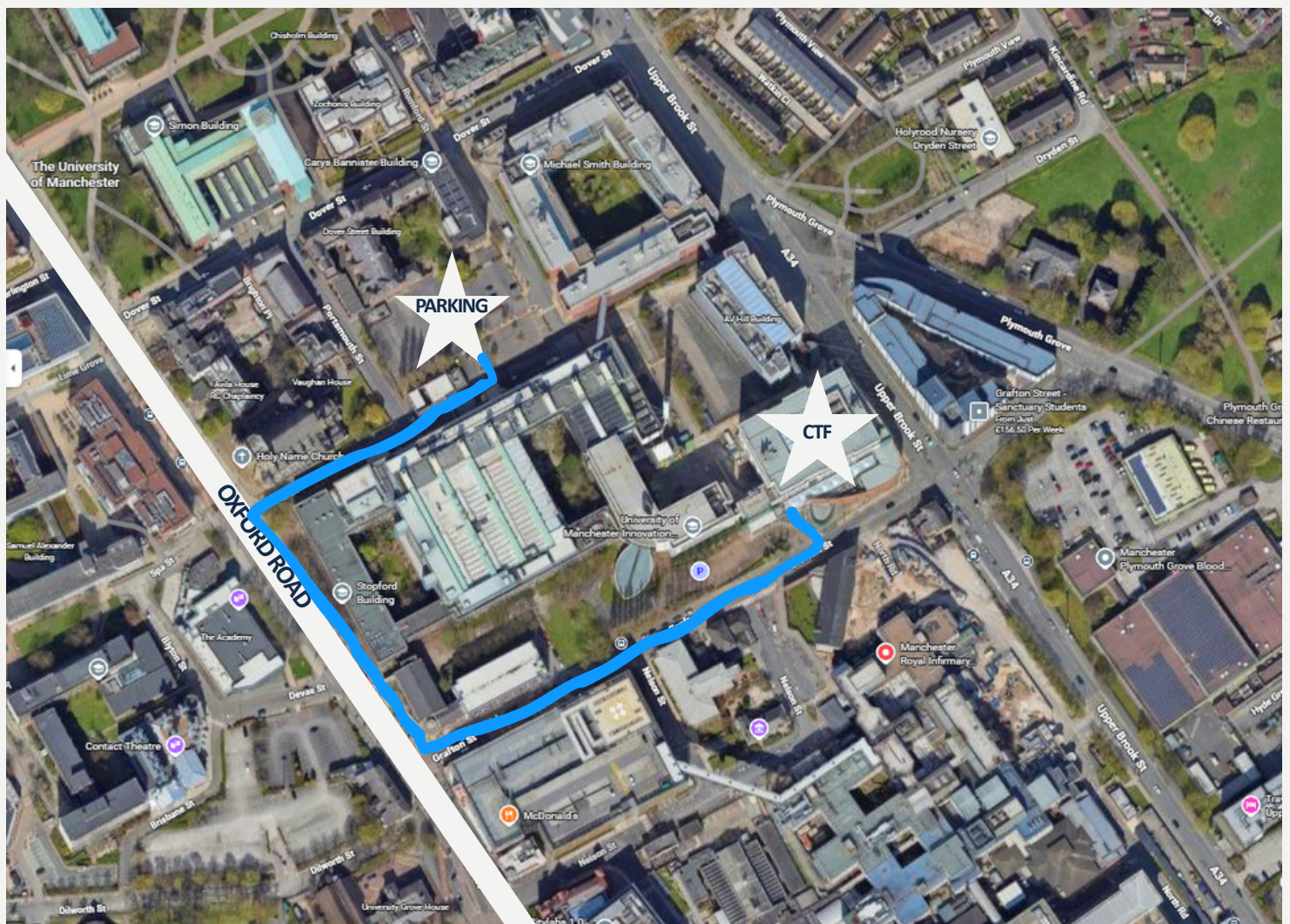
Car Park G (Dover Street):

Surface-level parking area located on Dover Street (Postcode: M13 9GB) containing designated Blue Badge accessible bays

If parking close to the venue is unavailable, accessible parking bays are available in the Booth Street West Multi-Storey Car Park. These bays are free of charge for Blue Badge holders; however, any ticket taken on entry must be validated by the parking attendant before leaving the car park.

<https://www.estates.manchester.ac.uk/services/operationalservices/carparking/disabledparking/>

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Quiet Room

A dedicated Quiet Space will be available throughout the conference for anyone who would benefit from taking some time away from the conference environment, for any reason. This space can be used for rest, reflection, prayer, sensory regulation, managing fatigue, or simply taking a break.

The Quiet Space is located in 2.02A, Core Technology Facility and is fully accessible via the lift. Clear signage will be displayed throughout the venue, and conference staff will be happy to direct attendees to the room if needed.

We encourage all attendees to make use of this space whenever it would support their comfort, wellbeing or participation in the conference.

Toilets

All toilets will be clearly signposted, and conference staff will be happy to provide directions if required. Accessible facilities can be reached using the building's lift where necessary, ensuring all attendees can comfortably access conference spaces and amenities.

The accessible toilet in the University of Manchester's Core Technology Facility is located on the ground floor inside the main lift lobby. It features step-free level access, an outward-opening door measuring 86 cm wide with a lever twist lock, high visual contrast elements, internal grab rails, and a 174 cm x 420 cm layout.

Floor: Ground floor.

Location: Main lift lobby, approximately 23 meters from the accessible entrance.

Route: Step-free level access with manual doors.

Toilet Features & Dimensions

Door width: 86 cm, opening outwards with high visual contrast.

Lock type: Lever twist lock.

Cubicle size: 174 cm width by 420 cm depth.

Signage: Braille, tactile, and pictorial signage near the door.

Support: Internal grab rails with high visual contrast.

The nearest changing places toilet is located in Located on the ground floor of the Stopford Building equipped with a powered overhead hoist and a fixed-height bench.