LSE’s £120m campus development approved

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The London School of Economics has gained planning permission to demolish three buildings in the heart of its campus to make way for a new tower block.

The ‘centre buildings redevelopment project’ covers an area of more than 200,000 sq ft and will cost an estimated £120m to carry out.

The properties to be demolished are Clare Market, The Anchorage and the East Building, as well as part of St Clements and part of Tower One.

They will be replaced by a Richard Rogers designed building that will be part 12 storeys and part six storeys, as well as a seven-storey extension to the St Clements building.

The new premises will provide new educational facilities as well as a student café.

A new square will be created that will host street markets and open air lectures.

Councillor Robert Davis, deputy leader of Westminster City Council, said: “This is a stunning new building, a great design and an application that I am very happy to support.”