

# Melksham Area Board: Update – 22 September 2021

## Melksham Community Campus

### Construction

We are now almost seven months into the community campus build programme. The build is progressing well with the following works complete or nearing completion:

- Steelwork and metal decking
- Construction and testing of the pool shells and balance tank
- Roofs and wall cladding
- Bund by the cricket pitch
- Floor slabs, concrete stairs and lift shafts
- Drainage runs and attenuation tank
- Foul drainage connection
- BT infrastructure works

Works currently in progress:

- External brickwork
- Storm drainage and attenuation tank installation
- Preparation for the installation of the substation and power cables
- Concrete pour to remaining areas
- Construction of the north car park

Behind the scenes the design team and campus team have been working on developing and finalising design: approving samples, reviewing design information and finishes.

### Programme

There is currently a general issue with the supply of some building materials across the construction industry. This has affected progress with the roof but has not affected the construction programme. We are currently still on schedule to open by Autumn 2022.

### North car park works and site access

The north car park construction work has been scheduled between 6 September and April 2022 which is outside of the club playing seasons. During this time access through the north car park will be for maintenance vehicles only and by prior arrangement. The Campus Team have been working closely with the clubs around this. The footpath through the site from Place Road will be closed for the duration of these works and Melk 20 remains open for pedestrian access to the clubs and the public.

Melk 21 footpath, south of the old rugby pitch remains closed whilst the excavation for the storm water drainage and power cables continues. Pedestrian access from the Market Place remains closed for the duration of construction.

### Section 73 planning application

A Section 73 planning application is being submitted shortly. This application will pick up the addition of photo voltaic (solar) panels as well as tweaks to the hard and soft landscaping as designs have developed over the past few months.

## **Furniture, fittings and equipment**

Procurement of equipment has commenced with the priorities being the pool pod access systems, fitness equipment and library furniture. Further procurement will continue over the coming months.

## **Tennis courts**

The tennis courts surface has had a refresh over the summer after it was found to have some defects in the tarmac. The final colour spray and re-lining was completed at the beginning of September.

## **Club utilities**

An external water supply will be installed close to the tennis courts in the next few weeks, close to the tennis courts to assist with maintenance.

We have taken this opportunity to arrange for a new and independent water supply for the bowls club. The current supply is connected to the Melksham House incoming supply.

## **Archaeology**

Cotswold Archaeology have been carrying out testing of the findings on-site and will provide an update in due course. We will communicate this information once it is received and digested.

## **Melksham House**

The planning consultation period for the development of Melksham House ended on 10 September. If the application is successful, the demolition works will begin early in 2022. We are keen that these enabling works are carried out prior to the main entrance road being resurfaced. The refurbishment of the house will not commence until the campus build is complete.

## **Progress photos**



