Report from Corsham Shadow Community Operations Board

Following the Area Board of 5th September 2011, at which the Board accepted the recommendations of the Shadow Community Operations Board (COB) and has in turn recommended approval to the Wiltshire Council Cabinet, the frequency of the COB meetings has increased.

This increase is in recognition of the amount of work that now has to be achieved in order to meet an aggressive schedule to completion, notwithstanding that Cabinet will consider the proposal in November.

A detailed review of all the consultation and subsequent input, from across the Community, has been undertaken to ensure that the detail of future design will respond to the widest possible requirements. In addition, the COB is being briefed on the requirements that are becoming clearer from the Service Engagement process within Wiltshire Council.

Under the terms of an existing framework agreement, Wiltshire Council has engaged the services of architects to begin the process of detailed design.

The architects have outlined a proposed ten week design development process. This involves a comprehensive sharing and understanding of the strategic principles and analysis of both existing and proposed usage of the campus, bringing these together into initial and subsequently detailed plans to form the basis of a planning application.

The COB and architects are looking at two consultation stages within this ten week schedule to continue and build on the work already undertaken with existing users, community groups, stakeholders and the Community Area at large.

The COB is looking in detail at Travel Plans, to avoid congestion in the immediate area of the Campus and to ensure that any disruption to local residents is kept to an absolute minimum.

As a part of keeping the Community in touch as this project unfolds, the COB will be launching a Springfield Corsham Community Campus blog.

As well as providing everyone with information about progress, we shall be using the blog to gauge opinion and understand views. Details of how to find the blog on the internet will be made widely available across the Community Area.

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