

Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Shadow COB
Update to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
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Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Shadow COB (SCOB) continue to work hard to develop our community campus proposal to achieve the best possible long term solution for local people.

The SCOB has been well supported by Wiltshire Council officers, by the Area Board and by interested residents from across the area.

Wiltshire Council officers have updated us that initial discussions with the MOD are progressing. As well as officers and members of the council meeting with some key people including the new base commander, to outline the aims of community campuses and to talk through the Shadow COB's campus proposal, the Council have also been in direct contact with the national MOD estates lead.

The MOD have been open to suggestions and are exploring at a national level whether they are able to jointly develop a funding proposal with the council. They have gone away to assess their requirements in terms of needs and location of facilities, and also the timing and method of any potential contribution.

The MOD have asked that we provide them with some time over the coming few weeks, whilst they consider funding options and their wider priorities.

We hope to be able to come back to you all soon with an update, whilst respecting the request from the MOD to give them time.

The SCOB recently welcomed Laurie Bell, Director of Communications at Wiltshire Council to a meeting. We look forward to working with Laurie as she provides us with advice to help us develop our communications plan.

The SCOB are going to explore developing a website for information and updates.

We also continue our work with partners and interested groups to understand their requirements for space in the campus. If your group or organisation would like to be involved, please get in touch.

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We have been grateful to the Area Board for their support and encouragement of our work during this time. Thank you.

Thomas Woodhouse, Chair, of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Shadow Operations Board