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Corsham Area Board Update – 20th September 2012

Design Elements

The development of the designs for the Springfield campus has now completed two significant milestones, RIBA stages D and E. In effect this means that the overall lay out has been planned, and much of the detail for individual spaces has been completed. Individual working groups continue to examine catering, performance, play areas, and leisure.

The output of the Shadow Community Operations Board (COB)'s deliberations is now in the hands of quantity surveyors to establish the cost implications of the process so far. These will be fed back into discussions between the COB and Wiltshire Council.

Construction

With the completion of RIBA Stage E, Wiltshire Council has been in a position to appoint prime contractors for the construction phase. The first meeting between the contractors and the COB took place on 12th September.

It is presently estimated that work will start on the construction phase from mid – October, following the completion of the enablement works that have been putting in place the necessary underground sire infrastructure.

More detailed reports on the construction phase, provided by the contractors, will form a part of future Area Board Updates.

Communications

This report to the Area Board sets out a new, headed format for consistency and, we hope, clarity. Each subsequent report will follow through on the various topics that the Shadow COB and the Contractors, User Groups, Stakeholders and Wiltshire Council are addressing in order to deliver a successful, operational Campus.

Generally, communications are going to become an increasingly important component of delivering the Campus.

To date, external campus communications have been undertaken with the limited resources available to the COB. This has included the establishing of the website, www.springfieldccc.com

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This has recently been augmented by support from Wiltshire Council's communication team to highlight disruptive changes that are necessarily caused by the enabling works taking place on site.

In addition, the Council Communications Team have also provided support for the establishment of Information Point material. These Information Points have now been set up at Corsham Town Hall, The Community Centre, Springfield Leisure Centre, Library and the Corsham Heritage Centre in the High Street (Tourist Information Centre).

The same material has been distributed to Colerne Village Hall and Box Library.

Various aspects of the programme will require increasingly detailed information this update will keep the Area Board in touch with how this is being accomplished.

One of the discussions that will shortly take place with Wiltshire Council's chosen prime contractors is their role in communicating and managing the local impact of the construction phase.

Engagement

Engagement is the process by which user groups of the new Campus facilities including stakeholders, elected members, service providers and the Corsham Community Area as a whole are introduced to the opportunities provided by the Campus. The aim is to stimulate its use for the purposes to which the Community Centre and the Leisure Centre have already been put, over the years, as well as to generate new interest in what is, fundamentally, a new, and unique Campus.

This has taken place so far with many conversations and discussions with existing groups that will continue and grow with time. It is important that these discussions take place against a background of informed decisions about operational management.

Operational Management

The issue of operational management has been raised many times by the COB. The management of the new campus, as a single entity providing a significantly increased range of services, from library to leisure and recreation to multi-purpose space, will need careful planning.

One of the responsibilities of the COB over the coming weeks and months is going to be work with Wiltshire Council and others to understand the preferred management processes that will underpin the successful operation of the Campus.

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