

On 23rd October 2012 Wiltshire Council Cabinet announced its approval of a proposal for a Calne Campus and agreed the necessary funding and resources. The Campus will bring many enhancements to existing facilities and infrastructure as well as improving the delivery of Wiltshire Council services to the public. No services will be reduced or closed, this is all in addition to the present facilities.

The Calne Campus will be based on 3 sites,

North site, based on the existing Beversbrook Sports and Community facility which will receive

- ▲ a single-storey rear extension to expand the foyer area and enable enlargement of the existing bar and catering areas
- ▲ a press-button crossing of the main road to enable easier access by pedestrians and cyclists
- ▲ an all-weather sports pitch to alleviate current over-use of the existing natural surfaces.

Central site, based on the existing Library building and land behind it in the town centre. This area is the subject of work currently being undertaken by Calne Town Council in partnership with Wiltshire Council, but it is anticipated that the area will be developed and Campus would be included within that development to enable services to be provided including a medical facility with Doctor's and Dentist's surgeries, space for other medical services such as a Chiropractic Clinic, Osteopath, an Optician and Pharmacy. Other Wiltshire Council services would include Youth facilities and administrative service delivery; a police presence close to the town centre is also expected.

South site at the Calne Leisure Centre which will receive

- ▲ a full refurbishment to the present facility, including a modern, efficient heating system
- ▲ enhanced insulation to modern standards throughout
- ▲ completely updated facilities, which may involve them being positioned more efficiently within the existing structure.

We are working with the Implementation Team to select the architects to design the Calne Campus. It is anticipated that designs for the North and South sites will be completed in the Spring of 2013 and it is hoped that work can commence later in the year, once planning permissions have been obtained where necessary. The Central site will be more complicated, since Campus is a part of a larger development, but it is hoped that the designs for the Central site will be available about spring 2014.

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