

Cricklade SCOB – Area Board update 19th March 2014

Campus Progress update

Over the past few weeks we have been developing designs for the Stones Lane campus site in more detail.

Surveys and information gathering which took place at the start of the year is being assessed by the technical design team. More information is needed relating to the pool and the technical team have been gathering this over the past few weeks.

We are still gathering information to understand what requirements are for a Multi-use games area (MUGA) – there is an outdoor sports pitch currently at the leisure centre and there was need identified for more multi-purpose outdoor space – we are finding out exactly what groups want to do with the space so we can further develop siting and costing options for the SCOB to consider

In February we met with Cricklade and District Community Association who operate the leisure centre and discussed the SCOBs initial ideas for the campus – C&DCA have had a strong involvement with the SCOB and the development of the ideas for the campus as their directors attend SCOB meetings.

Next steps

Once the design for the Stones Lane campus is closer to being finalised we will be carrying out consultations with stakeholders and wider community to check we have taken all input and requirements into account. As part of this process we will be looking in detail at specific areas of the campus and at our next meeting, we will plan how local stakeholders can be involved in this.

Cricklade Extra Care update

Some time ago a working group was formed to focus on Extra Care for Cricklade – The Cricklade Extra Care Working Group is a sub-group of the COB and Terri Robertson has been selected as Chair of the Cricklade Extra Care working group.

The group have been working with Wiltshire Council officers to understand what the options are for the delivery of Extra Care in Cricklade. The Group has looked at a number of sites for potential development over the last year and has also considered different approaches to the provision of older people's accommodation. The Group is now in the process of identifying a preferred option, working with key partners, and that option will be consulted on more widely in due course.

As well as the building of older people's accommodation specifically, the Group is also considering how this can be taken forward as part of a wider and integrated plan for Cricklade, for example as part of the plans for the development of a Community Campus.

New housing for older people cannot be developed in isolation and needs to be considered alongside appropriate service provision to ensure people can remain independent at home for longer.

As the main housing provider in the area, GreenSquare is taking a leading role in looking at the implications and viability of any proposal and has already started to consult with its residents in the Culverhay area on options as part of a wider strategy for the regeneration of its housing stock across the town.

The Working Group will continue to report progress to the Area Board via the Shadow COB and will communicate more widely with local people as soon as the Group has agreed its preferred option.

Residents and other local people will be consulted on any proposed developments.

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