

Report of the Wellbeing Centre Development Group July 2019

Following the May Area Board, I have tried to contact Wiltshire Council to get an update on progress on the East Wing site. I was eventually passed to Rory Bowen who did reply to my email. He indicated that there had been no progress on the outline planning permission application though he was hopeful to have an update, but I have not received anything since then. I subsequently learned that Marc Cole had taken over from Tim Martiensson, but when I tried to contact him, he had already left Wiltshire Council. I have since been contacted by Flo Churchill, interim Director of Economic Development and Planning. She informed me that March had left, and a replacement was due to start hopefully on 15th July. I have asked for contact details and received no reply. I have asked that he attend the Area Board on 25th July.

I am really concerned that this delay puts in jeopardy the NHS development on the site as well as the leisure element. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on 25th July as I am away visiting family, but I think it is important that the Area board are briefed on

- What the precise issues are with the East Wing site that have caused the delay?
- What WC's plans are for addressing these issues are, timescale and likelihood of success?
- What alternative plans WC has for moving forward to ensure this project is not completely lost?

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