

# Update for Chippenham Area Board

ITEM 6(vi)

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Chippenham Vision</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	9 May 2011

## Headlines

- **Public Consultation Event on the Vision.**

Following the public consultation on the Vision for Chippenham, a revised Vision Statement is being drafted, incorporating the results.

- **Masterplanning**

As the preparation of background documents and policies nears completion, the Vision Board will prepare for spatial options from the draft Core Strategy by drawing up a list of criteria by which to assess their relative benefit to the Vision and the town. Where data is incomplete for the Masterplan, this will be commissioned in the new financial year.

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- **Website**

The web-site has been completely reconstructed and brought up to date. Minutes and background documents may be viewed or downloaded Visit [www.thechippenhamvision.co.uk](http://www.thechippenhamvision.co.uk) - all feedback welcome

## Projects

- The Vision vigorously opposed approval of the Legal & General application to build 3 new retail units on the FOCUS DIY site, without a 'bulky goods' restriction to prevent direct competition with town centre shops. (The application was deferred on April 20th for further legal advice ).

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- **Further area investigations**

Chippenham Vision continues to progress work on the Station Hill / Langley Park area in order to identify potential development options and exploring the viability of those options. This will be used in turn to inform the more detailed Masterplan approach for the town.

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- **Transport**

A liaison meeting with Highways was held on 7th April. The Vision and Highways are working to ensure that the Vision's outline Transport Strategy for Chippenham is coherent with the Council's Transport Objectives with Local Transport Plan 3 objectives. The Vision Board has committed its support to the Trans Wilts Rail project.

- **Bath Road / Bridge Centre site**

We are still awaiting news regarding progress on the contractual arrangements between Wiltshire Council and ING but will update the Area Board as soon as information is available.

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- River - Hydro-weir

The Vision is looking to put together a project partnership to further its aims of replacing the radial gate with a more attractive, sustainable weir incorporating a hydro generator

- River - Monkton Park Campus

The Vision wishes to engage with Wiltshire Council property services to ensure that opportunities are not missed when the Monkton Park offices are linked to the Olympiad eg. the inclusion of an aquatic sport facility for the river. A more cost effective form of (plastic) piling is being investigated for a boat landing, as being installed on the Kennet & Avon Canal.

## **Future Events/Dates for the diary**

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- Vision Board meeting, 23rd May 2011, Monkton Park offices
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Signed: John Clark

Date: 20th April 2011