# Melksham community campus newsletter

**November 2021** 

#### Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of the Melksham Community Campus newsletter.

The exterior of the building is really taking shape. The glazing and external doors are being installed and the building should be watertight by the end of December.

If you are reading an electronic version of this newsletter you can view a <u>timelapse video</u> of progress up to the end of October. You can also view this on our Facebook and Twitter pages (see details on next page).



## **Time Capsule**

Pupils from Aloeric Primary School and Bowerhill Primary School contributed items for a time capsule that was buried on site on 23 November. A few of the children were lucky enough to witness the burial of the capsule, to hear about what the campus will offer and receive a talk from Pellikaan Construction Ltd. Representatives from the local media also attended to cover this exciting event.

The contents of the time capsule will serve as a snapshot of life in 2021 with pictures, writing and artifacts depicting what life is like in these challenging times. A plaque has been placed to mark the location of the capsule ready for it to be excavated in 30 years.









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### **Build progress**

The electrical substation in now in place, the power connection has been made and the internal ductwork and cable runs are being installed. The external brickwork continues along with the installation of external screens and doors. The internal blockwork is progressing well creating the internal spaces.

The foul drainage connection has been made. A swale has been created and an attenuation tank was installed as part of the surface water drainage system. The north and south car park construction is progressing. In the coming weeks Pellikaan may be working on some Saturday mornings.

Behind the scenes the design team and campus team continue to work on developing and finalising design: approving samples, reviewing design information, agreeing finishes and colour schemes.

#### **Pedestrian access**

There is currently no public vehicular access to the site.

The north car park construction work is ongoing until April 2022. Public access through the site from Place Road will remain closed during this time. Melk 20 footpath remains open for pedestrian access to the clubs and for public access through the site between Cedar Close and Canon Square.

Melk 21 footpath, linking the A350 Western Way by the cemetery to the Campus site is now open following the recent excavation works for the storm water drainage and power cable.

Pedestrian access from the Market Place remains closed for the duration of construction.

### **Planning Application**

An application has been submitted to update the Melksham Community Campus planning permission approved under planning application reference 20/09353/VAR.

This application includes the addition of photovoltaics (solar panels) to improve the building's sustainability and updated hard and soft landscaping plans to reflect an improved car park layout. This includes an increased number of family bays, electric vehicle charging points and accessible parking bays in the north car park. An updated storm water drainage strategy and external lighting layout was submitted to reflect the updated landscaping plans. The full application can be viewed on the Planning portal at www.wiltshire.gov.uk reference <a href="PL/2021/10087">PL/2021/10087</a>. The consultation ends on 3 December 2021.

#### Get in touch:

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