

Update for Devizes Area Board

23rd September 2013

Consultation update

Since our last update, the Devizes Campus Development Team (CDT) has been continuing to work on the first round of consultation. To date 172 responses have been received, through the online survey and paper based forms. Consultation sessions have been held within the Devizes Library, where 1-1 discussions were available with members of the CDT, and further details could be sought about the Devizes Campus.

Thank you to everyone who has provided their feedback so far.

The key interim results of the first round of consultation are as follows:

- 70.9% agree or strongly agree that council services in Devizes should be made available in one place, even if the location is not right in the centre of town
- 92.3% agree or strongly agree it should be easy to walk or take a bus to the campus from the centre of town
- 83.9% agree or strongly agree the campus should have computers and internet access available
- 83.8% agree or strongly agree space should be available for use by voluntary and community groups

Whilst the feedback so far is positive, we would like to gather some more data. We plan to consult with people from different groups and with people who use other public services such as leisure centres and youth facilities, to ensure all community perspectives are fully considered. Further consultation is also proposed for the coming weeks within the more rural communities of Bromham and Market Lavington.

We are aiming for a minimum of 400 responses prior to evaluating the feedback from the consultation and beginning to develop our working proposal.

CDT membership

Since the CDT's creation (formally known as COB) in November 2012, there have been some changes to personnel within the group. The changes are as follows:

- Stephanie Davis is no longer in post and therefore, the CDT will no longer have any representation from education and young people
- Glenys Armstrong will be changing remits within her employment and will no longer be able to fulfil her role on the CDT. Her departure brings a vacancy for a user and community group representative.

Therefore, we require 1 additional representative from the following broad sectors of the community:

- Education and young people
- User and community groups
- Wider community

We would ask that the Area Board consider inviting local people or representatives of groups to submit an expression of interest and apply to be involved in the CDT.