

High Street campus

Cricklade Town Council met at the end of August and at the end of October and discussed the campus and their approach and involvement with the high street campus.

At their meeting in October the Town Council discussed the opportunity to co-locate at police station as part of the campus. The Town Council discussed that the COB had worked with the architects to accommodate their brief as fully as possible within the current police station.

After discussion and consideration, the Town Council decided that the option to co-locate at the police station was not something they wished to pursue and that the Town Council wished to remain in Ockwells. They also resolved to ask Wiltshire Council to consider an asset transfer for the Town Council for the whole of the Ockwells site.

The SCOB will now work with the Town Council and Wiltshire Council to explore links between Ockwells and the campus.

Stones Lane

The SCOB are currently working on the Stones Lane site proposals with the Architects. Some schemes have been done, but as yet we have not finalised the design.

During November people may have seen contractors on site at Stones Lane gathering more information about the existing buildings, including a pool survey which happened at the start of the month.

The additional information being gathered will help to firm up the designs for the campus and you might see more contractors on site over the coming weeks as the structure of the leisure centre is surveyed.

We had a good meeting recently with Ollie from the youth centre and Inspector Mark Thompson to go through the detail of their requirements for the campus. Both were really useful meetings and we talked about the importance of sharing the designs with the youth centre users during the public consultations about the designs.

Next steps

The next steps are for the design team to further develop the designs and for the COB to feed in to the designs for the external areas of the site. We know that the access road and the parking on site are particularly important to people and we will be working hard with the designers to make sure that issues currently experienced in these areas are understood, so that the design team can look at potential solutions.

A transport consultant has also been appointed as part of the design team and over the coming weeks they will be finding out more information about how people travel to Stones Lane at the moment.

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.

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