

## **Campus Update October 2014.**

The COB team have had a break the past few weeks as the contract tender period for the main campus building is still ongoing. We were present at the contract bidders day in the Summer and hosted the Wiltshire COBS meeting when we were able to show people round the site and show them detail

The COB team met last week and received updates on the Melksham Campus and the Woolmore Farm rugby and football developments.

**Melksham Campus** tenders from the four bidders are due back on the 7th mid-November and we are not anticipating any major impact on the programme .

- Contract award expected later in November
- Looking at contractor starting work on site (subject to the status of work at Woolmore Farm) in February/March 2015

Main building to be handed over in September 2016 and work completed with the Bluepool demolition and replacement car parking by January 20

**Plans for the Market Place** are being developed together with the Town Council Steering Group and will go on public display. Once approved work will start later in 2015.

## **Woolmore Farm Rugby and Football development.**

- A letter of intent has been sent to Beard Construction to build the pavilion and Kestral is the preferred bidder for the playing fields.
- It is anticipated they will start on site once planning conditions have been met. Awaiting licence from English nature.
- The intention is to complete Woolmore Farm by July 2015 enabling clubs to play fixtures in August.
- Remain in contact with both the rugby and football clubs and are working with them to help ensure a smooth transition.

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Laurie Bell (associate director for communities and communications) led a discussion which included our future work programme project timetable and timings, communication plan, action in the community, branding along with other sub streams. She drew on the experience at Corsham where the first phase of the campus opened in the summer., stressing that all campuses are different, what is good for one may not be for all! Melksham is the largest.

COB now needed to focus on communications, the local community and how it operated

## **The immediate Future**

Communication/participation in terms of how the cob works with the area board

Ways of working for the cob - do we set up sub groups ( as we did revisiting specifications prior to tender ) or work on all streams as a single team .

Overarching plan of work including key milestones

### **Ongoing**

Marketing and branding

Communications (including key events and milestones)

Engagement.

### **Early 2015 onwards.**

- Directional signage
- Transport
- Campus governance( organisation, maintenance etc )
- Programme of events and activities (post opening)
- Volunteers.