

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Tim Martienssen, Head of Economic Development / Chippenham Vision Director, Wiltshire Council
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Subject	Chippenham Vision – update

Update

Chippenham Masterplan

The Chippenham Vision has completed work on the Chippenham Masterplan – available here <http://www.thechippenhamvision.co.uk/documents.aspx>

The Vision is waiting for the Core Strategy to be approved so that the Masterplan can be considered for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The Masterplan has proved an effective tool in guiding development and major planning applications over the past few months including the Chippenham College development and the proposals for Langley Park.

In addition the Masterplan provided the basis for the Growth Deal bid submitted by the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership which secured £16m towards the redevelopment of Chippenham Station.

The Vision is working with partners including Network Rail, First Great Western and Wiltshire Council to refine the progress the Station project

Chippenham Vision has commissioned a detailed Car Parking study to help inform the Masterplan. The final analysis is being completed by Atkins and will feed into the countywide car parking review being carried out by Wiltshire Council.

The Vision received a presentation from Wavin at its last meeting regarding its proposals for expansion. As a result of this Wavin were asked to present to Town Council members as well.

The Vision received an update on Langley Park. The site has been put up for sale by its owners, Ashtenne Industrial Fund/Hansteen PLC. It is understood they are hoping to complete the sale before Christmas. This could have an impact on the Station proposals depending on the intentions of the final purchaser.

The Vision discussed the Bath Road/Bridge Centre site in light of the recent planning permission granted on the former Focus store on the edge of town. It was felt by members of the board that as the Development Agreement on the site was due to expire there was a significant opportunity to reconsider the opportunity the site presented to the Town. The Vision Board has written to Wiltshire Council requesting that the Development Agreement not be extended and that a new development brief be produced for the site in partnership with the local community.

The Vision received notification that Borough Parade has been bought by Development Securities. The Vision will make the new owners aware of the Vision and the Masterplan and ask them to engage regarding future development proposals.
