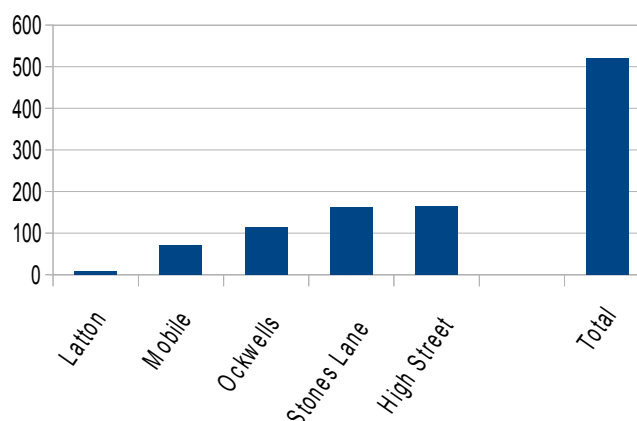


Cricklade Campus – Pre-Planning Consultation 21st October to 5th November 2014

The Stones Lane Campus Building pre-planning consultation took place in Cricklade with a launch event on 21st October where the major stakeholders were invited to a preview of plans. To get the maximum feedback static displays were organised in Stones Lane and Ockwells with a SCOB member present each weekday for a minimum of two hours. On 22nd October the Wiltshire mobile display trailer was used outside our primary school to ensure input from a group representing young parents and children. To ensure maximum coverage over two weekend periods, and to give working people an opportunity to view plans, a “pop up” shop was utilised on the High Street, the SCOB is grateful to the owner and the local Town Crier who helped advertise the event. Finally a specific session was organised at Latton to enlist views from a surrounding villiage. Purton and Marston Meysey were invited to take part in the consultation also.

Number of people given full briefing on proposals



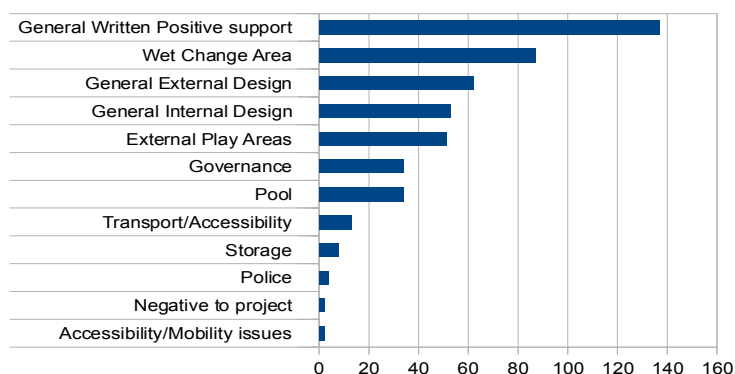
In total **521** people attended the consultations manned by a members of the SCOB and were given a full update on the plans. As there were three static displays around the town for the whole period it is not possible to estimate how many others viewed the display boards.

There is overwhelming support for the proposals, and the number of people who attended is very high as a proportion of our community when compared to similar consultation events on different subjects. There is a high level of interest in the plans for both Stones Lane and the High Street Campus facilities.

Not everyone wanted to make written comments, but the support was evident from comments personally made. 300 people did take the time to complete feedback forms, with 493 responses giving views on several different categories of the design and related issues.

Below is an analysis of the categories that emerged from the consultation.

Feedback Categories



Based on feedback received during the consultation the following areas of the design are under formal review to finalise plans in preparation for the official Planning Process, once agreed by Area Board:

- ◆ **Wet Change Area layout/swimming session planning**
- ◆ **Site Drainage**
- ◆ **Stones Lane Building Elevation appearance**
- ◆ **Investigate Installation of PV/Solar Thermal Panels**
- ◆ **Size of lift for indoor mobility scooters**
- ◆ **Acoustics in the sports hall, to allow more varied use**
- ◆ **Storage generally**
- ◆ **Swimming pool storage, pool cover and hoist**
- ◆ **Fencing to petanque / play area / car park**
- ◆ **Tractor shed (TC to confirm spec)**
- ◆ **Minimise disruption to local residents**

From the feedback forms it is apparent the positivity for the plans is exceptionally high, of the 300 forms submitted we not only got comments on the design, which is what we asked for, but the strongest message was that of enthusiasm and outright support for the project. It is fair to say that there were 3 negative comments from the 521 people consulted who felt there may be a negative impact to Council Tax and the building still looked ugly.

The second largest comment area covered the proposed villiage change facility and the comments stemmed around the fact that there may be resistance to unisex changing, even in separate cubicles and that the actual space itself may be too small specifically for school swimming groups.

General external areas, comments covered several items - positives on the extra parking and the modern external appearance of the front of the building, although mentioned also was the shame to loose any green space. Several comments on the fact the external appearance should be improved for the side and back of the building also not just the front. Solar panels and cycle racks recommended. The really bad issue with drainage on the site was raised especially as there will be more hard surface with the car park. Lighting for evening activities outside asked for and the issue of smoking areas raised particularly by Staff. The importance of security for the storage areas at the back of the building was raised as they are out of sight.

Comments on internal layout included support for the soft play area, the foyer/cafe in reception seen as good for mums with children playing outside. There was a request that the lift is large enough for carers and mobility scooters. During the refurbishment a request to check in case of asbestos in the building and also to ensure enough fire exists in hall. As there is no youth club now, a requirement that there be space for youth as a priority and more generally new furniture and fittings with adequate storage.

External Play areas popular with recommendations to fence off children's areas from the car parks for safety, also perhaps a hedge around the Petanque area. Picnic benches and seating wanted around play areas and request to re-look at the existing play equipment for suitability especially after it being dismantled if the plan is to re-erect. Many comments from the younger people on the skatepark and need to extend and re-look at design especially ramps – they are keen to help in review.

Governance - many comments made about the uncertainty being felt until some decisions are made, particularly the staff, as this is a time of uncertainty. Support for community led operation, continuity of staff who should have fair salaries and training. Many comments on keeping the charging system local, as now, and free parking. It was asked that the building remain open during construction.

There were comments on the Pool in that it very much needs refurbishment with broken tiles etc. Some feeling that a larger pool would have been good. Hoists to allow disabled swimmers and several views that Spa area would have been good for older members of the community.

Transport was raised by several people - there is likely to be two different issues. Firstly the Stones Lane complex is on the edge of town and older or less able Cricklade people could find it difficult to access the services, some form of local transport may need to be considered. Secondly, for outlying villiages to use the facilities some work should be done to review with the local public transport services to make the building more accessible.

In the main the proposal to house the Police at Stones Lane got a favourable response, obviously still also wanting to see a presence in the High Street areas too. Some comments about having the police vehicle more visible, not at back of building.

With the overwhelming support for the project from the Cricklade Community area, we would like to proceed as soon as possible with this exciting development.