

Dear Linda,

My sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your question as set out below relating to Chippenham Community Campus however it would have been more expedient had you asked these questions either at your Area Board when I attended or at Cabinet which you attended;

“It is requested at the earliest opportunity Chippenham Area Board Councillors be appraised of the implications for the Chippenham Campus proposal of being re-designated as part of a development/regeneration programme; and what exactly this means. Additionally members would like to know how and when a budget requirement will be determined, where future funding will come from, and the time scale within which commencement/completion of a Campus for Chippenham is envisaged.”

As you are aware cabinet considered a position statement on the delivery of the campus programme at its meeting in November. The statement set out the current position. This included three community areas; Chippenham, Trowbridge and Warminster where the focus will be delivering town centre economic development schemes. These schemes will include a community campus and reflect investment into these towns including the LEP money secured for the redevelopment of Chippenham Station and the improvements to the main access via the A350.

We are also aware and talking to key partners including health on their inclusion in a campus to increase the offer to the local community.

In Chippenham, we are fully aware that a huge amount of work has been undertaken by the COB to look at a campus based on the Monkton Park site; the existing offices and the Olympiad Leisure Centre and we also recognise that this work could form the first phase of a campus. The economic regeneration team has met with the COB and I understand has supported to proceed with the feasibility study based on this site, produced by the COB and approved by the area board.

I have received the notes of your meeting of 3 November and I understand the feasibility study has been signed off ready for feasibility;

Alistair Cunningham and Tim Martienssen met with:

Ian Bridges	(Chippenham Campus Development Team Chairman)
Cllr Linda Packard	(Chairman Chippenham Area Board)
Cllr Desna Allen	(Leader Chippenham Town Council & Vice Chair of Area Board)
Rhys Schell	(Campus Delivery Manager)
Vicky Welsh	(Chippenham Community Area Manager)

Outcomes following discussion:

1. Tim Martienssen to amend feasibility brief to include additional options (e.g. opportunity to include Bath Road Redevelopment site and offer a split campus)
2. Alistair & Tim to meet with the group on 27th November to finalise feasibility brief
3. Feasibility to go out to tender by the end of the 2014
4. Contract to be awarded in January 2015
5. Feasibility results by April/May 2015

I am also aware that a health meeting took place on 4th November 2014 to discuss the health providers position and what may be included in the campus.

James Roach and Lynn Talbot met with:

Ian Bridges (Chippenham Campus Development Team Chairman)
Cllr Linda Packard (Chairman Chippenham Area Board)
Cllr Mark Packard (Deputy Leader Chippenham Town Council & Chippenham Area Board Cllr)
Vicky Welsh (Chippenham Community Area Manager)

Outcomes following discussion:

1. It was agreed that the main thrust is primary care and support for care in the community setting
2. Areas that may be accommodated in the campus include:
 - a. GP, therapy, diagnostics
 - b. Dedicated consulting/treatment rooms for diagnostics e.g. blood pressure
 - c. Physical therapy connected to gym
 - d. Large space for awareness sessions
 - e. Waiting areas
3. James is exploring the possibility of capital funding being available from NHS England

I am also aware that Maggie Rae and Laurie Bell are scheduling a meeting with yourself to review the health position and the phasing for the campus delivery.

The delivery of the first phase campus will be subject to the outcome of the feasibility study and to looking at the possible options for health – and their space/occupation requirements – possibly in the Monkton Park offices.

As soon as the study is complete and assuming it is deliverable, a business case can be considered by cabinet to progress the delivery of a campus in Chippenham.

I hope this is helpful,

Jonathon.



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