

Hengrove Park Forum

Notes of meeting

Tuesday 29th July 2008
7pm – 8.30pm

The Scout Hut, Hengrove Park, Bamfield, Bristol

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| David Fowgies John Button, Elmtree Park Residents Association (EPRA) Dave Stevens, EPRA Chris Tarr, Whitchurch Assisting Development (WAD) Michelle Tarr, WAD Inspector Colin Salmon, Avon & Somerset Police Hilary Scriven, Scouts Allan Whiteley, Area Housing Committee member Sue Walker, Hartcliffe Health & Environment Action Norma Davies, Campaign for HP Nature Reserve Cllr Mary Sykes – Hengrove Ward Cllr Jos Clarke - Hengrove Ward Richard Mond, Bristol City Council Lucy Darkin, Bristol City Council | Ben Bennett, Bristol PCT Gemma Collings, Bristol PCT Mark Nebel, Bristol Infracare LIFT Martin Clark, AWW Architects Mike Lawless, LA Architects Jeremy Lightfoot, Parkwood Project Management (PPM) Sandy Scott, LA Architects Tony Pardoe, Carillion Sarah Lamb, PPM Stephanie Pinfield, PPM James Lindsay, Harold Whitehead & Partners Apologies: Andy Tyas, BCC Sian Parry, Avon Wildlife Trust Cllr Christopher Davies – Knowle Ward |

1. Introductions

Lucy introduced Richard Mond, Head of Parks, Estates & Sports who was helping chair the meeting, plus representatives from the South Bristol Community Hospital (SBCH) and PFI Leisure Centre projects who would be covering the main agenda items.

Apologies were given on behalf of Andy Tyas who was absent due to illness.

2. Community Hospital update

Ben Bennett (context & site), Gemma Collings (services at South Bristol Community Hospital), Martin Clark (design) and Mark Nebel (delivery) all took turns to give an update on the hospital project.

Ben gave an overview of the rationale for the new South Bristol Community Hospital including:

- Replacement and closure of Bristol General Hospital
- Provision of hospital services locally and improvement in patient choice

- Making diagnosis and treatment quicker and more streamlined
- Avoiding unnecessary trips to the City Centre
- Contributing to neighbourhood regeneration
- Opening for patients early 2010

Ben explained the context for the hospital within the Phase 1 Masterplan where the plaza creates linkages to the adjacent PFI Leisure Centre and into the parkland beyond.

To access the hospital; staff, visitors and patients will be able to use various methods including public transport, safe cycle and walking routes, or use the dedicated car park which will be opposite the hospital. To the front of the hospital there will be drop-off facilities for cars and ambulances, and a separate bus terminus.

Gemma went on to explain the type of services people will be able to access and also mentioned the hospital newsletter which was handed around at the beginning of the meeting.

Services to include:

- Urgent care centre integrated with primary care out-of-hours
- Extended hours GP surgery (8am – 8pm)
- Outpatient clinics
- Diagnostics, dental teaching and Day Surgery
- Bed base for integrated community rehab service – including day assessment unit
- Pharmacy

Qu: GP surgery will offer enhanced services such as smoking cessation.

Qu: The aspiration would be to integrate with existing services provided at Whitchurch Health Centre but the relationship and linkages need to be developed further once the service provider is known.

Qu: Depending on the type of services the patient needs and whether these are provided at SBCH, local residents should get offered SBCH as an option for GP referrals.

Gemma also gave some facts and figures about the volumes of activity likely to go on in the hospital:

- 60 in-patient beds (15 stroke)
- 26,400 outpatients
- 3 – 5,000 day assessments
- c.42,000 Minor Injuries Unit visits
- c.19,000 dental teaching visits
- 4,000 day surgery cases
- 33,000 diagnostic tests
- c.300 Whole Time Equivalent staff (i.e. more staff if some posts are part-time)

Public involvement has been an ongoing process in developing the design and models of care for the hospital, and this will continue once the hospital is open. Local people have also been involved in discussions on public art, and both the internal and

external design of the hospital. Further detailed work, such as on use of colour, furnishing and way finding within the building, will be undertaken shortly, also with the input of local people and service users. Gemma explained that SBCH is part of the Phase 1 Communications Working Group run by Lucy Darkin to ensure consistency in communications with the Council and other partners.

Mark Nebel explained that Bristol Infracare LIFT are working in partnership with the PCT to design and build the SBCH, plus organise finance, deliver services and enter into a 30-year contract with the PCT to maintain the building.

Martin presented some of the key design features of the building and surrounding environment including the arrangement of facilities over three floors, location of staff facilities (including parking), views over the park from wards (all beds) and disabled parking at the hospital frontage.

Qu: Water tanks are located at the front and not beneath the hospital building.

Qu: Due to infection control risks there are no proposals for grey water recycling. However, the hospital will have Combined Heat and Power (CHP) which sits within the hospital's Energy Centre, that will meet 15% of the building's electricity needs and 20% of base hot water demand, reducing carbon emissions by at least 6%.

Qu: A specialist transport company will be responsible for transporting hospital modules from Avonmouth Docks to the site, which will take into account load limits and other constraints on local bridges and roads.

Qu: Locating the car park separately but directly opposite the hospital has been the best fit for the Phase 1 Masterplan.

Qu: Twelve disabled car parking spaces will be provided at the front of the building. If spaces are not available, there will need to be a system for free parking within the main car park - to be developed as part of the detailed car parking strategy.

3. Preferred Bidder PFI Leisure Centre presentation

Richard Mond introduced representatives from the Preferred Bidder's team for the PFI Leisure Centre. He explained that the BCC officer's recommendation on the preferred bidder is going to Cabinet on 31st July for a decision. Subject to this decision, the Preferred Bidder will proceed with public consultation on their scheme with view to making a planning application mid-August.

Jeremy Lightfoot explained the structure of the Preferred Bidder's team i.e. Bristol Active with respect to design, construction, operation and funding of the facility: Carillion to construct the building, Parkwood Project Management to maintain the building and Parkwood Leisure to provide front of house services. He also referred to the strong track record that the team have for delivering similar PFI schemes on time and on budget.

Mike Lawless ran through the design philosophy and design proposals for the building.

Objectives

- Meet BCC's needs

- Create a sustainable building
- Encourage diversity of users
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Operational integrity
- High sporting standards
- Create linkages with the park and adjacent hospital

Facilities

- 50 x 25m full competition pool
- 20m x 10m pool (teaching, training and fitness)
- Fitness suite
- 3 no. studios
- 4-court sports hall
- Café/restaurant and coffee lounge
- Changing facilities
- Landscaped plaza and car park

Vision

To place people at the heart of the building, enable social interaction, provide contact with the environment and create a centre for the community.

Sustainability

- On track to be first swimming pool in the country to achieve BREEAM Excellent
- Features include: Biomass CHP, reduced water consumption, 20% reduction in carbon emissions and 10% renewable energy generation plus 60 cycle racks

Design

- 21 disabled parking spaces at the front of the building and 330 spaces in dedicated car park
- High canopy, semi-mature trees proposed within plaza to create linkages with the park, plus south-facing seating to create a separate quiet space for building and park users
- Building elevation design so that there is 'no back' to the building
- One of the aims for the plaza is to create a space for markets, social interactions and performance.
- The building is 100% accessible.
- View of pools throughout the building
- The foyer, café and Healthy Living Zone are open to the public.
- Facility designed to allow specialist swimming sessions to be organised e.g. women-only, children, paraplegic, faith groups etc.
- Park edge will be copper-clad and an ETFE roof (lightweight transparent foil stretched over a metal frame) will create good daylighting levels within the building.
- Design details have been carefully considered to facilitate frequent and efficient cleaning and the maintenance of a clean facility. Maintenance manuals will also be provided.

Qu: The plaza will be closed off to the park including use of suitable barriers to stop motorbikes.

Qu: There is an approximate 2m level difference across the plaza between the hospital and leisure centre, over a distance of 40-50m. The PCT had meetings with both bidders to ensure the plaza area works for both adjacent building occupiers. Graded levels facilitate control, containment and drainage of water.

Qu: There are various private multi-functional rooms which could be used for staff training.

Qu: The Healthy Living Centre will link into various health programmes, GP referral programmes and provision of advice on nutrition, exercise etc.

Qu: Trees specified for the plaza will be high-canopied and well spaced, and as such will help alleviate concerns about lack of surveillance and risks of anti-social behaviour.

Qu: The facility will operate a 'pay and play' system where anyone can walk-in off the street and use the facilities. The fitness suite will offer a membership facility but this is in addition to the option to pay per session.

Qu: Specialist advice has been sought on making the building fully accessible, including discussions with BCC's Access Officer. Separate changing facilities will be provided and options for access to these facilities e.g. wrist band are being explored. Customers could use their own wheelchairs in the pool as long as they are waterproof. There is also the option to lower the deck within the main pool.

Action:

- Bristol Active to building on linkages with local groups e.g. Hartcliffe Health & Environment Action

Programme

Planning submission on 15th August with a planning decision expected during October 08. Target of opening facility September 2010 after 18-month build programme. Public displays planned for Jubilee and Bishopsworth pools and Asda Whitchurch.

4. Phase 1 update

Infrastructure

- Progressing with the final selection for the Enabling Contractor to be followed by appointment shortly
- Start on-site during the next few weeks, date to be confirmed once Contractor appointed and has developed own programme

Skills Academy

- Progressing with contractor selection with view to appointment next couple of months
- Programme to be confirmed following appointment

Computershare

- Key board meeting mid-August, programme to follow Constellation Europe
- Aiming for planning decision during early August

Transport Sub-group meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July with representatives from the Hengrove Park Forum, Avon & Somerset Police, the Infrastructure Team and BCC Transport.

Draft meeting notes were circulated to members of the Forum who attended for review and comment.

5. Date and venue of next meeting

To be agreed and notified with circulation of meeting notes.