



LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING

Held on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 6pm in COMET Seminar Room 2

In Attendance:

David Hartshorne (DH), Programme Director, Hospital Redevelopment, L & D
(Meeting Chair)

Charles Frampton (CF), Deputy Programme Director, Hospital Redevelopment, L & D
(Note Taker)

Lewsey Road

Julia & Don Beach (JB) & (DB)

Holgate Drive:

Iris & Graham Noble (IN) & (GN)
Suzanne Ware (SW)

Charlwood Road:

Richard Burgess (RB)

Calnwood Road:

John Armitage (JA)
Beryl Chapman (BC)

Introduction, welcome and sign in.

Minutes of last meeting:

Notes of last meeting held on the 18th October 2018 were agreed.

Redevelopment update

A. Acute Services Block

Plans for this block were submitted to the Strategic Transformation Partnership (STP) for funding approval in July 2018. In December 2018 the list of approved capital projects was issued and this scheme was not on it. There remains an ongoing conversation with central government about this but in reality this will probably be at the end of January 2019 – we may have to restart the process with alternate options. Two new Theatres are currently being created so there must be consideration of NICU and Maternity.

B. Electrical Infrastructure

The two new substations will be built by April 2019, next stage will be to excavate down the side of the site adjacent to Dunstable Road.

C. Theatres G and H

Next stage of this plan is to remove existing modular units (Eye Day Surgery Unit and Surgical Short Stay Unit Arrivals) in order to clear space for the installation of the two new theatres. This will involve the use of cranes over the weekend of 12 January 2019.

D. Energy Centre

Seeking to reinstate boiler house and flue in centre of site, this will bring significant cost savings and efficiency. Works will centralise all boilers on site in one location and will require re-instating the gas ducts. Currently negotiating the proposed contract with Centrica. Flue will be 37m high, can minimise visual impact but it is likely to be contentious, therefore planning to run a consultation. DH requested support of meeting attendees in making the consultation as effective as possible and reaching as many local residents as possible. It was suggested that it should be advertised in the local Tesco store, as it was previously, social media alone will not be sufficient. Stated that a leaflet drop to all affected residents must happen as well as using local television, newspapers and radio. Also suggested that Gary Roberts would be a good council contact, as well as using Let's Talk Lewsey to discuss this. It was noted that this will lose visitor and patient parking.

E. Drop off area outside lower Theatres

As part of the works to build two new Theatres a new drop off area will be built accessed from Dunstable Road, there will still be the main drop off area off Lewsey Road. Furthermore it is proposed that we re-instate the exit off Dunstable road to be entrance and exit for accessing St Mary's car park. The existing entrance will also become entrance and exit, serving the drop off area only. Concerns were raised about the turning area off Dunstable road if the secondary entrance is created. Clear signage and information boards will be needed to support this.

F. Lewsey Road Car Park

There are two conflicting signs on Lewsey Road towards Dunstable Road, one that says no right turn into Lewsey Road car park and the second advertising to turn right for visitor parking. It was requested that the latter sign is removed, CF to action. There was also lighting out in the car park and entrance that needed rectifying, CF to action. It was requested that hospital continue to put pressure on the local council to prevent people turning right into the car park. DH confirmed that the hospital continues to engage and is working with Hazel. It was suggested that the barrier to Lewsey Road car park was removed to prevent traffic build up on Lewsey Road, DH thought they were put in place to prevent car park loitering. Works to add 1.5 decks to car park were discussed, works planned to happen over summer 2019.

G. Lewsey Road and Calnwood Road parking

It was suggested that patient correspondence should state that they should not park in the loading bays on Lewsey Road, it was also suggested that an all staff e-mail should go out. Residents do not want loading bays removed and replaced with double yellow lines. They did want a red route through the area, but this was previously rejected by the council. JB will e-mail the Council again. An issue raised by residents of Calnwood Road was that they have had junior doctors knock on their doors requesting to park in their drive.

Meeting closed 19.10.

Next meeting : 21st March 2019 @ 6.00pm