



LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING

Held on Thursday 21th March 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)

Byron Road

Mike Gibbs (MG)

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 10th January 2018 were agreed. Noted that actions CF had from previous meeting had been completed. Minor amendment- Energy Centre flue will be 37m high, not 30m.

Redevelopment update

A. Lewsey Road Car Park

Works for the additional one and a half decks on the car park has now gone out to tender. It is proposed that the works take place over August, to compensate for the loss of spaces during this period the hospital are in discussion with Challney High School to temporarily lease parking during the school holiday. It was also noted that the council currently has plans to red route Lewsey Road.

B. Further car parking

It was noted that the live parking availability signs were no longer working. DH explained that there are a number of measures being considered (in addition to Lewsey Road Car Park) to improve parking at the hospital site. The Trust is current investigating the feasibility of ANPR which may enable conversion of staff parking in the afternoon to visitor parking. Also installing a new entrance off Dunstable Road, this will enable creation of a new drop off area which will reduce pressure on Lewsey Road. Plans continue for Caddington Park.

C. Acute Services Block

No clear answer still on funding for this will be re-considered at November national capital funding round. If the Trust receives a guarantee from the Government that funding will be approved in November then planning can commence, this will involve re-applying for planning permission. There is consideration of amendments to which services sit in the block- with suggestion that maternity wards move into the block in place of ITU/ HDU (see point D). This will provide a decant facility for ward refurbishment, avoiding need to build a new medical block.

D. Office block

If Acute Services block is to go ahead, planning permission will need to be submitted for a new office block to accommodate staff from Trust Offices (which will be demolished to make way for the Acute Services block). It is suggested that ITU/HDU can be moved to the top floor of this space.

E. Electrical Infrastructure

Work continues on building the two new substations adjacent to Dunstable Road.

F. Theatres G and H

Next stage is delivery and installation of the modular units at the start of April 2019.

G. Energy Centre

This is critical to support future projects, including centralisation of boilers around the site. Seeking to submit planning application in June, with feedback required from the Council prior to proceeding to general public consultation. Trust will have to show they have consulted the public as part of the application. DH reminded to contact Gary Roberts.

H. Helipad

On the final push for fundraising, with a fundraiser being held at Luton Hoo in May. The project is in abeyance until money is raised.

I. 695 Dunstable Road- NICU Parents Accommodation

This project (led by Charitable Funds) has received fantastic support from the public and refurbishment is now underway.

Meeting closed 18.50.

Next meeting : 6th June 2019 @ 6.00pm