



## LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING

Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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)

Mike Gibbs (MG) - Byron Road

Iris & Graham Noble (IN) & (GN) - Holgate Drive

Suzanne Ware (SW) - Holgate Drive

Richard Burgess (RB) - Charlwood Road

John Armitage (JA) - Calnwood Road

### Introduction, welcome and sign in.

Apologies from: Beryl Chapman (BC)

### Minutes of last meeting:

Notes of last meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were agreed.

### Redevelopment update

#### A. Energy Centre

DH provided further drawings for the proposed Energy Centre, including street level and aerial views. Noted that the flue was sized to reflect future development of the Acute Services Block.

Importance of the scheme was explained by DH:

- Provide dramatic energy savings per year- c. £1 million and 2,000T reduction of carbon footprint
- Significantly improved resilience
  - o Current generators only provide standby electricity for 70% of the site. Energy Centre will provide site wide 100% coverage.
  - o Centralised boilers- currently we have 76 boilers across the site (all with individual flues). Energy Centre scheme reduces this to 4 central boilers plus the Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant.

Other elements of the scheme include replacement of 6,500 conventional lights with more efficient LED lighting and introducing control systems for standalone air conditioning systems (to ensure they are switched off when not needed).

The Energy Centre will be built alongside the site of the existing disabled car park, Disabled parking will remain in the area. There are plans to increase non-disabled parking on other parts of the site (for example additional deck to Lewsey Road and reconfiguration of St Mary's Car Park).

Currently investigating the feasibility of moving the linen room, maintenance area and stores delivery off site, due to being demolished as part of the Energy Centre works. This could include electric van shuttle service to the site.

Key dates for the scheme

- 14 June 2019- feedback on pre-application from Luton Borough Council (LBC)
- End of June 2019- full planning application. This will include a requirement for public consultation
- September/ October 2019- to LBC Planning Committee
- January 2020- commence building Energy Centre
- December 2021- fully operational

#### **B. Helipad**

Event at Luton Hoo has raised £100,000, with a further £90,000 raised by the local Muslim community. There is a further c. £1.5 million to raise- awaiting decision on a joint application with MAGPAS for £1.34 million to be awarded from the Chancellor's Fund.

#### **C. Acute Services Block**

At the time of the last meeting, the Trust was optimistic that we would receive the funding for this project however this has proved to be misplaced.

Seeking to develop a Plan B:

- Trust does have some cash to fund other projects
- DH explained that the 3 key risks for the Trust are the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Maternity and a need for a joint High Dependency Unit (HDU) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Currently the latter is split across two levels, which is inefficient and not best practice, as well as being too small and the ventilation is not compliant with current standards.
- The key risks were to be fixed by the Acute Services Block, now we are at the tipping point to think of an alternate plan
- The merger with Bedford Hospital is linked to the grant of capital funding.

#### **D. Current projects**

- New Theatres G and H will open end of August
- Electrical Infrastructure- buildings will complete end of June with internal wiring following on from this

#### **E. Car parking**

- Seeking to introduce a new drop off area adjacent to the new Theatres. This will be for 15 minutes and will not be connected to the car park. This will mean the Trust then has two drop off areas (other- main entrance)
- St Mary's- seeking to reconfigure the existing car park adjacent to Dunstable Road to provide up to 25 extra spaces
- Lewsey Road Car Park- attempting to add a second level (104 spaces) to this car park in August, currently negotiating with a contractor. During this construction period staff parking will move to Challney High School and visitors will use Farringdon Fields staff parking.
- Caddington Park- medium term plan. Waiting for Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to review their strategic development plan.

#### **Any other business**

Stated that there are no confirmed dates for the red route on Lewsey Road

**Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 6.00pm**