

Henley Hospital and Community Services Project



Newsletter

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Welcome to the third issue of the Henley Hospital and Community Services Project Newsletter, which we hope you will find informative and interesting. By means of this newsletter, we hope to keep all local people and interested groups/organisations updated on progress on a regular basis—look out for the next issue in January 2009.

PCT holds successful public engagement events

During September, the PCT held two successful open events for the people of Henley and the surrounding areas to come and find out about the Townlands redevelopment.

Over 200 people attended over the two days. Representatives from the PCT and Townlands Steering Group (TSG) took the opportunity to listen to what people had to say and to answer any questions that were asked.

A report about how we have been engaging local people and what was said will be available in December.



A selection of comments received over the two engagement days

“More care outside hospital – looking after people at home. Integrating with social services would help avoid the need for as many beds.”

“Need to ensure there is sufficient parking on the site.”

“The community forum should include a wide range of people from different age groups and interests.”

“Make sure services don't close while you are building.”

“Must keep the Royal Berks out reach clinics. Really useful for older residents who find it difficult to get to Reading.”

“Sell surplus land for affordable housing.”

Townlands Steering Group (TSG)

"We've seen several important steps taken on the road to the redevelopment of Townlands over the last month or two, reminding us that we've come a long way in 2008. Along with other TSG members I attended the public involvement meetings and helped to answer people's questions. It's exciting to see the dates published in this Newsletter which represent another commitment by the PCT to ensuring the success of this project so a newly re-developed Townlands providing the services we need can be opened in 2012."

Ian Reissmann, Chair of the TSG

Community Forum

A Community Forum is being established and the aim is for members to meet for the first time early 2009 and throughout the development phase. The Forum will provide a mechanism for two-way exchange of information and views between the PCT and local people, on the development of services. The Forum will be involved at all stages as the work progresses.

Members will generally be drawn from local groups and organisations and will represent, and feed back to them, on the work of the Forum. Membership will attempt to ensure as diverse a representation as possible from within the local community. The PCT will designate a number of senior staff, involved with the development of the business case, to attend Forum meetings.

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Key dates

November / December 2008

An advert is placed in specialist journals seeking expressions of interest in the reprovision of the bed based services and buildings for the remaining services.

February to December 2009

Expressions of interest are evaluated and discussions with bidders take place. Final tender/s should be submitted by bidders.

January to February 2010

Evaluation of tenders takes place and paper presented to the PCT with a proposal to award the contract.

Summer 2010

Building work should start on-site.

Further information about this process will be in the next newsletter.