

# Henley Hospital and Community Services Project



## Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome to the fourth issue of the Henley Hospital and Community Services Project Newsletter. Through this newsletter we hope to keep all local people and interested groups and organisations updated on the progress of the project. You can expect another update in March 2009.

### Project takes big step forward

The project to redevelop Townlands Hospital has taken a significant step forward with the placing of an advert to seek expressions of interest from potential developers.

The advert has been placed this month (January) in a number of specialist magazines and on websites to attract interest from developers to submit plans.

The next step will be to evaluate the responses from potential bidders and make sure they have the right qualifications to undertake the work. This will then lead on to a formal submission of tenders for the work.

Alan Webb, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust's (PCT) Director of Commissioning, said: "We are very pleased that we have taken such a big step in moving plans forward to develop Townlands Hospital. The PCT is very committed to this project and will continue to work with the Townlands Steering Group and the people of Henley to ensure its success."

### Feedback from public engagement events

The people of Henley are keen that the re-development of the Townlands Hospital site takes place as soon as possible. A report into how the PCT has engaged with the local community revealed there were many common and recurrent themes and concerns. More than 200 people visited the two drop-in days and a total of 74 respondents made detailed comments in their questionnaire responses.

In summary, people said they wanted existing services to be re-provided, to be available throughout the construction period and, if possible, be expanded, updated and new services added. Other key issues for local people included access, parking, traffic levels, public transport and housing needs.

These concerns will be considered by the PCT as the project moves forward and decisions made in partnership with local people.

The report is available on the PCT's website [www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk](http://www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk)

## Townlands Steering Group (TSG)

"I expect that I am as excited as everyone else about the news that the advert for bidders to redevelop Townlands has finally been published. After years of struggle this is another hugely important step to achieving our goal of a modern, purpose built health facility for everyone in and around Henley.

The next year will see long and detailed discussions with potential bidders. We'll be making sure that we make all the effort needed to ensure that the eventual design gives us the best possible solution to meet the health needs of everyone. There's still a lot to do, but 2009 really looks like being the year when Townlands is finally going to be sorted."

Ian Reissmann, Chair of the TSG

### Key dates

**January 2009:** Advert placed in specialist press to seek expressions of interest in working on the re-development.

**February – December 2009:** Expressions of interest are evaluated and discussions with bidders take place. Final tenders should be submitted by bidders.

**January – February 2010:** Evaluation of tenders takes place and a paper is presented to the PCT Board with a proposal to award the contract.

**Summer 2010:** Building work should start on site.

**Please see next edition of the newsletter for any updates.**

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