

Henley Hospital and Community Services Project



Newsletter

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Henley Hospital and Community Services Project Newsletter. Through this newsletter we hope to keep all local people, interested groups and organisations updated on the progress of the project.

Keen Interest in Project

More than 30 organisations have expressed an interest in re-developing Henley's Townlands Hospital.

This follows an advert which was placed in specialist magazines and websites in January. The advert asked would-be developers to put themselves forward to submit plans for the project.

Alan Webb, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust's (PCT) Director of Commissioning, said: "We are very encouraged by this significant level of interest. The PCT is pleased to have attracted a high number of potential bidders. We now need to work carefully to ensure we get the best developer and outcome for the Townland's project."

Work is now taking place to assess the bidders and invite them to the next stage of the process. Because of the high level of interest it is likely to be a few weeks before this next stage is reached.

Meeting of the Community Forum

The Project Group has now completed the first stage of its work which ended with would-be developers coming forward to get involved with the re-development. However, the Project Group is keen to stay involved in the progress of the re-development and to do this it needs community support.

They would like to call a meeting of the Community Forum to provide an update on progress so far and to hear ideas on future involvement.

They would like to involve people from local interest groups and from villages around Henley, as well as from the town itself.

The next meeting of the Community Forum will be held on Thursday May 7th at Henley Town Hall, between 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

For more information on the Community Forum please see contact details on the next page.

Townlands Steering Group (TSG)

"We're delighted at the excellent response to the advertisement for expressions of interest in Townlands from developers. This continues the good news for the project to reprovide the health services at Townlands.

The large number of bids means we're even more likely to see high quality plans when a contract is finally awarded later this year.

We'd also like to welcome the new Chair of Townlands Project Group Anna Robinson (see report below) We've seen a few personnel changes over the last few months, but the project group and PCT have filled the gaps and we still have a well balanced team who are committed to seeing this project through to a successful conclusion."

Ian Reissmann, Chair of the TSG

New Project Group Chair

Anna Robinson has taken over from Sue Reid as the Project Group's new Chair. Anna is a Strategic Director with South Oxfordshire District Council.

She joined the council in 2005 from the Urban Living Directorate at the London Borough of Harrow where she was Director of Strategy. Anna trained originally as a chemist before moving into the housing sector. She was Chief Executive of the Leeds Federated Housing Association for a number of years. She is married with one son who's in his final year at Durham University.



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