

PRINCE PHILIP PARK - PROPOSED NEW TOWN CENTRE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q) When will the new town centre be open?

The town centre comprises a number of facilities and shops. The first facilities will be open from October 2019 and the whole town centre will be open by Easter 2020.

Q) When will the new schools be open?

For the academic year starting in September 2019.

Q) Will you be rebuilding the Whitehill Club that burned down in 1999?

This is not currently in the scope of the project.

Q) Who is the cinema provider?

We are in detailed discussions with a preferred operator who will be announced in the next few months.

Q) How would you describe the architecture in the new town centre?

It is modern in style with careful regard to quality of design and materials.

Q) What retailers are coming to the town?

There are a range of different types of retailers and food outlets. We are expecting to have secured 40% of the names for the town centre by March 2018.

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Q) Will there be another open air cinema event? If so, when?

Yes – in the summer next year. We are working with the Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre to book a date and film.

Q) When will the next community exhibition/consultation be?

We are likely to be hosting an event in late March next year to show case the health hub and youth centre.

Q) Who is the supermarket retailer?

We will announce the name by March 2018.

Q) How can it be an 'Eco town' if there are going to be a mass of new homes and car owners?

With the homes built before the town centre everyone will be driving to outside towns which isn't environmentally friendly. There is a strategy for increasing bus services in the town and encouraging cycling and walking in line with the gradual increase in population in the town. We have to cater for cars too.

Q) Are there enough local people already to cater for the shops, why do we need to wait for more new homes before the shops can be built?

The new town centre is a significant investment. The planning application is being submitted later this month with a view to commencing construction in early summer next year. The project will take until late 2019 to build. The wait is not too much longer!

Q) With regard to the new residents – will there be enough space at the doctors, schools etc?

Yes – this has been planned for with public sector partners.

Q) Will there be enough visitor parking in the new town and residential areas?

Yes – we have made sure that there are enough parking spaces for residents and visitors to the town centre.

Q) How frequently will the bus service run and what is the route?

It is intended that the frequency of buses and duration of timetable will increase. The town centre will have the capacity to serve 4-5 buses per hour. We will be working closely with bus operators to ensure that services are delivered to maximise the use of public transport.

Q) Can we have more details about the Leisure Centre?

Information can be found at this link www.easthants.gov.uk/whitehillbordonleisurecentre

Q) Can we have more details about the new Mill Chase campus?

Please refer to the link www.hants.gov.uk/news/feb24millchaseacademy which outlines the proposed new Mill Chase school development.

Q) Will there be new/extra nursery provision?

Yes – we will be providing an extra 100 places for nursery provision in the town centre.

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Q) What will happen to both fuel garages?

They will remain.

Q) Will the current Tesco be moving?

No

Q) Will there be a walk in medical centre in the new town? If so, will all the doctors in the town relocate here?

We are working with the NHS and Hampshire County Council among others to scope out the services to be provided at the new health hub. It is intended to bring the health hub forward for a planning application in March next year.

Q) Where will Petanque be located?

We have located 7 petanque lanes in the town park. We have been asked to provide additional lanes too for times when competitions are held and we will be addressing requirements over the next few months.

Q) Are many trees being cut down? What is being done to replenish them?

We have kept tree removal to a minimum. We are also providing a comprehensive planting strategy which will form part of the plans to be submitted later this month.

Q) Will there be a soft play for kids? Or bowling?

We are exploring provision for soft play. We do not have plans for ten pin bowling. Lawn bowling is being provided at the new facilities at BOSC which opens in late spring next year.

Q) What will happen to the Forest Centre? Any plans to relocate?

We are not involved in plans for the Forest Centre. We do not envisage any of the shops at the Forest Centre moving into the new town centre.

Q) We couldn't make the exhibition in October, could we come and see it another time?

Yes – we will be announcing when the exhibition is open and can be viewed again.

Q) Will the library move/ why not?

We currently have no plans for a library in the town centre.

Q) Will the school be big enough?

The school is a 6 Form Entry school (an increase of 2 Forms from the current size). The school has capacity to expand to an 8 Form Entry school in due course.

Q) Will the housing be affordable? Rents are already too high in the area for low income households.

15% of all homes on the development are affordable homes to meet people registered with housing needs.

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Q) How accessible are the flats - most don't have lifts.

There are flats with ground floor entry as well as flats above them. There are sufficient flats to meet demand for fully accessible homes.

Q) How are people meant to take their shopping from their car to the flat?

Lifts take people up to access the communal gardens which sit above the shops where access to flats is provided.

Q) What is being put in place for teenagers?

There are a range of spaces and places for young people to enjoy in the town, from the Makers Market spaces, the town park, the town square, to the leisure centre and cinema. Around the town we also have the new Hogmoor Inclosure, the skate park and soon there will be a new youth centre.



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