



**Question Time – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 7pm**  
**The Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club, Bolley Avenue, Whitehill & Bordon**

**By Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company and Whitehill Town Council**

**48 attendees**

**Speakers**

**David Melsome – Whitehill Town Council**

**Bruce Collinson – WBRC**

**James Child – WBRC**

**Chris Knott -WBRC**

**David Melsome**

**Deputy Town Clerk at Whitehill Town Council (WTC)**

**Update on the new skate park on Budds Lane/Station Road Junction**

**Notes**

- The skate park was created by the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company and has been functioning for over a year
- Official opening June 2017 – with Liam Phillips BMX Team GB Champion
- It is a very popular skatepark - someone is always using this facility
- It is used by both old and young – there is no age limit – some travelling in from as far as London
- Landscape was turfed early 2018. During heatwave WTC have been watering it to maintain it
- There is a degree of management cost involved with this area
- There has been vandalism to concrete ramps and graffiti too which has been dealt with
- Litter is the biggest issue – WTC are committed to keep it clean and tidy
- Cigarette butts, chewing gum and litter removal happens 5 times a week
- WTC engage in litter picks in the town with the help of the Community Trust
- In partnership with WBRC we held the skate jam on the one-year anniversary of opening. Organisers and staff engaged to get users to pick up their own litter
- WBRC and Community Trust engagement on the ‘Litter Innovation Fund’ – ways to tackle litter to roll it out
- In conclusion, WTC cannot be there 24/7 but users must be encouraged to clear up mess and litter to everyone’s benefit – schools and homes to educate and reinforce
- WTC welcome suggestions for litter removal
- WTC also have 19 other sites to keep clean

**Q&A engagement**

**Q: Youth representation for parties to assist in management of skatepark: have WTC asked to be involved? – from Bill Wain of Woolmer Forest Heritage Society**

**A: No, not yet – WTC to explore**

**Q: It is a fantastic facility - people skate, scoot, and drive there – are there any parking options?**

**A: Parcel 3.8 (area behind the skate park) will be a dedicated parking area late 2019**

Q: Speed of traffic on Budds Lane and Station Road - can it be reduced to 30mph?

A: WBRC are working with Hampshire County Council to reduce speeds in the area. Short term speed restriction measures are being addressed. Hoping to be actioned for September 2019 in line with the school opening on Budds Lane

Q: The last round of speed restrictions (on Station Road) were dangerous and handled very badly. What are you proposing on Budds Lane? Will it differ from Station Road?

A: There was a lack of communication between the developer (Barratts) and Hampshire County Council in relation to Station Road resulting in works which were un-consented. Budds Lane is different as design and delivery will be led by HCC in consultation with WBRC. Plans include raised tables to restrict speed and introduce a calmer environment.

**Bruce Collinson**

**Project Manager WBRC**

**Update on the green loop**

Notes

The green loop is a partnership project including Hampshire County Council, Whitehill Town Council and East Hants District Council. The purpose is to encourage walking and cycling, plus connecting new areas with the existing community. Works have been done in different parts of the town, both on and off road. There is a need to work with further partners and gain more funding

The green loop runs from the southern end of Hogmoor Inclosure, runs east to junction 3 of the relief road, will cross the new junction, then behind the skate park, behind the new secondary school on Budds Lane, and down towards the One Stop shop, across the A325 at Quebec park, into Bordon Inclosure, down the eastern side of the town past the nature reserve, onto New Road and A325 down by Whitehill Village Hall, relief road and into Horgmoor Inclosure – a total of seven miles.

The green loop will have a cycle path and interconnecting routes into town - like a ring road. The green grid is a selection of routes that cut through Prince Philip Park, new residential areas, Conde Way, Chalet Hill and to south New Road – providing more direct routes to connect. We recognise the need to get them to work/town/leisure/school. Delivery will be over the next few years

EHDC are bidding for fund to deliver this green loop. We are waiting on an announcement for new funding to support delivery of more. Shipwrights Way runs through and provides a long-distance route from Bentley - Bordon – Portsmouth.

Q&A engagement

Q: Will the green loop be lit?

A: Some parts will be, some are semi natural and won't be lit

Q: Through Emerdale Road into One Stop has the route been set out?

A: Not yet, it is subject to funding and consultation

Q: How accessible will the green loop be for wheelchairs?

A: WBRC will deliver the new green loop areas, which will be accessible for wheelchairs, prams etc. EHDC will need to carry out an audit on other existing areas relating to kerbs and paving. These areas are to be retro fitted. New areas will be designed from scratch.

A comment from the Whitehill & Bordon disability group – they would love to be involved

**James Child**  
**Project Lead WBRC**  
**Development overview**

Notes

Programme and timescales

School site on track for a June 2018 completion and then onto fitting out the building interiors

Mill Chase Academy opens sept 2019

They are currently on the build programme – the benefit of great weather this summer

Town centre

Well on the way to the final planning requirements for the first phase of delivery. The first phase is from Chalet Hill to the Sandhurst Building (building on the parade square with the clock tower which is one of just six in the country). The Sandhurst Building is earmarked to be a hotel in phase two of the new town centre build.

Anchor tenants

WBRC are working hard on finalising operator requirements for key anchor tenants.

Cinema – detailed design stages, four-screens, how to operate, numbers of seats, projection areas and lobby areas i.e. café bar. The cinema will be within the former Sergeants Mess – this military heritage building will be retained. It is located right by the future new town park. The cinema will be centred around food and beverage, to bring in an evening economy. Five to six operators will be sought over next few years to support it.

Leisure Centre - Around the town park will also be the leisure centre which will be ready early 2019. The leisure centre infrastructure is done, now we are ready for build to commence.

Makers market - An office environment for small to medium enterprise businesses especially tech and digital industry. We are working on design and layouts. The Makers Market will also hold a street market. We are starting to work with stall holders and the Phoenix theatre as this will incorporate an events space. If it is raining the artisans, street food vendors, and creative makers will be undercover and dry.

Health hub - WBRC are working with GP's, the CCG and Southern Health with a view to present the case for sign off by the NHS by Christmas 2018. The health hub will be located in the town centre.

Church - WBRC are in the early stages of designs and plans for a new Catholic church. The church will be located on the side of the town park.

Timescales

It is our intention to start building the town centre quarter 3 in 2019. Demolition has started. It is a complex large project and there is a great deal of paperwork to get through before the project is coming out of the ground.

## Visibility of progress

All this is happening behind the wire of the former barracks, just easily seen by public. We have time lapse cameras on the Prince Philip Park website where footage can be seen <https://www.princephilippark.co.uk/events/timelapse/>

## Q&A engagement

Q: If you are starting build of the new town centre in Q3 2019, when will cinema and makers market be open?

A: Late 2020 we expect to be open. The rest will then follow on each quarter. Larger area deliveries will be in spring 2021

Q: As so much is happening behind the wire, it is hard to see what's happening, can we plan a visit?

A: A good idea! We have time-lapse cameras too but can do more to showcase what is happening behind the wire.

Q: Who will be the shop providers?

A: Our focus is retail – there will be 10 to 12 shops initially, growing to 25. There will be 4 to 5 restaurants growing to 8. We have no plans for a MacDonalDs or KFC, it is a healthy town! It is important to have a mixture of well-known and local independent brands. There are plans to have a pharmacy and tech store. The pharmacy provider will be driven by GP's. Because we are 2-3 years away lease holders won't sign up just yet. We are confident about the delivery because we are working closely with key operators.

Q: Are we likely to have a bank?

A: We will have cashpoints! We cannot guarantee a bank will come. Supermarkets can offer a banking service depending who we lock down.

Q: How much will parking cost?

A: Parking will be designed with vehicle recognition. We will charge for parking, but not too much, as this can be detrimental to shop keepers. The parking fee pays for management services, safety and cleanliness.

Q: Will there be a police station?

A: There is a regional police station with this community it is located at the Eco Station. The police base here also has a link to Alton. With a current of population of 15,000, this will grow to over 23,000 over 10 years so the pressure will change for the police. We are yet to see what will work for the new town. We are in talks with the police.

Q: Will there be a MacDonalDs? My 14-years old and her whole class have asked me to ask

A: We intend to secure something better than a MacDonalDs. We will look at an offering which is healthier and won't price out youngsters

Q: Will there be any larger retailers, so we don't have to go to Petersfield?

A: The new Prince Philip Park town is not designed for fashion retail. Nowadays fashion sales are mostly online. It just won't work here. The shops will be coffee, tech, convenience, health store, hairdresser, beauty and so on

Q: Hoardings and advertising, do you have consent to put up hoarding and signage? The new homes advertising is too bold and inappropriate?

A: Yes, we have consent

Q: Regarding parking, will there be electric car charging points?

A: Yes, there will be. We have an obligation to provide two, but we will be providing over 10

**Chris Knott**  
**Director WBRC**  
**Update on planning**

Notes

Relief Road - The relief road is being delivered by HCC, and will be fully operational by Christmas – a major milestone since Carillion’s demise

Building 84 – currently an ex-army U-shaped building. We are in the process of seeking consent for an office and warehouse. Consent to be given hopefully next year with construction commencing soon after. This building will be home to Asmodee (formerly Esdevium). Construction will take 18 months. This will see a significant and welcome number of jobs (over 200) to area

Dukes Quarter by Taylor Wimpey on the relief road (Phase 1A) - 80-90 units under construction. First residential completions from October 2018 and ongoing after.

SANG buildings (Hogmoor Inclosure) - Adjacent to the relief road is the new play area and new community buildings in Hogmoor Inclosure – we are constructing a café and toilets. This will be finished at Christmas and open for Easter. Another major milestone.

Woolmer Forest by Zero C on Station Road - delivered by Zero C. First completions early 2019.

Parcels 2.7-2.9 on Budds Lane (Former Garrison Pool) - On 9th October we are holding a community consultation at the new Bordon and Oakhanger Sports club (BOSC) – open to all

Budds Lane works - These will undertaken in two phases. There will be a consultation by HCC in July – now closed. Plans to form a junction and footpath to the secondary school early next year. Then safe pedestrian access from Camp Road and Budds Lane in time for September 2019.

Arrival square for new town centre - Works will commence 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

Public Transport - Public transport remains an issue and there is no solution yet. We are looking at busses on demand – an Uber type model. These buses could also provide goods deliveries. Arriva are presenting to HCC. It is unlikely we will have a conventional bus service – a great challenge!

Q&A engagement

Q: When is the relief road opening?

A: The whole thing will be open by end of 2018

Q: Around most of this area the phone coverage is appalling. How will this be approved?

A: WBRC commissioned a study to look at it, to improve coverage within our area. We are considering the findings. There is an overspill into other parts of community, so we can define what this is to help the case in the next couple of months

Q: Arrival square – HCC have completed their consultation. Are they going ahead with 2 roundabouts?

A: Yes, they got a positive response

Q: Local busses - we have a 13-year old at Mill Chase and they used to get the bus which was convenient for us. Now we have to drive. Are we looking at setting up something to reduce the amount of cars driven?

A: Yes

Q: Annington Estate Regeneration. Will there be a limit to under 4,000 homes? Will Annington work within that?

A: Current regulations allow for growth. They are looking at better housing plans for military housing. There is some tired housing and WBRC are exploring options to present to DIO.

**Date for next meeting – 29 October 2018 6pm – 7pm**

**Talks by Allen Harris and Liam Presley of HCC**