



**Question Time – Monday 29th October 6pm – 7pm
The Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club, Bolley Avenue, Whitehill & Bordon**

By Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company

56 attendees

Speakers

Allen Harris – Project Manager at HCC

Liam Presley – Architecture – Mill Chase Academy

Chris Knott - Project Management Director for WBRC

Hannah Ashwell – Community Trust

Julie Butler – Chair of Community Trust

Whitehill and Bordon Community Trust

Hannah Ashwell, Community Trust Manager and Julie Butler Chair of the Community Trust

The Question Time discussion was opened by Hannah Ashwell, Manager and Julie Butler, Chair of Trustees. They explained that the Community Trust is a registered charity, set up as part of the regeneration to support the whole town with the provision of facilities, programmes and resources to strengthen and support the growing community. One of their current projects involves working in partnership with Whitehill Town Council, Royal British Legion and the REME Association, along with all the schools/colleges and several community venues on a town wide Remembrance project featuring commemorative Silhouette Sculptures that are being placed around the town. Hannah encouraged the audience get in touch with the Community Trust and be involved in shaping the community they need. Hannah advised that the Community Trust were based in the Mustangs Building on Budds Lane. Website - www.wbcommunitytrust.co.uk

Q- How much of your work extends out of the Prince Philip Park – Budds Lane area under the redevelopment?

A -The Community Trust is working across the whole town in Whitehill & Bordon.

We work with the community throughout the Whitehill and Bordon area

Liam Presley Design Manager
Architecture Hampshire County Council

Update on the Mill Chase School

Notes

- The project is currently 2 weeks behind programme, however, to ensure the 22 July date is met HCC are working with Kier as the main contractors to re-sequence the work to recover the time lost.
- Following the completion of the main building works there is a separate fit-out phase which should take no longer than a month. We are using a mixture of new furniture and equipment, together with some of the legacy furniture and equipment from the existing school. One example of this is the existing stage lighting which will be reused in the new school. (The statement currently reads as though having spent the millions on the buildings and site we are fitting the school out with second furniture which is not the case. There is a budget for the school construction, new furniture and equipment, ICT and kitchen fit-out).
- There should be more visible progress on site over the course of the next month due to the external cladding installations commencing

Q&A Engagement

Q – Why were you delayed with the build programme when you we had the good weather this summer surely it would have helped you to be ahead of schedule complete a lot more but now is here with Winter here will that slow the process down?

A – There was a delay in the latter part of the summer. This was, in part, due to legal temperature limits for the contractors and materials. Working with Kier as the main contractors we have reprogrammed the construction sequence and increased the labour for all 4 buildings to be worked on concurrently. This includes the service distribution; brick work and glazing being brought forward in time.

Q – Will there be a penalty charge if the building isn't completed on time?

A – Kier have not currently claimed for an Extension of Time and it is currently anticipated that the contract will be delivered the agreed timeline.

Q – When this is handed over to the University of Chichester Academy Trust will each year group be staggered in starting at the new school and site to make the transition smoother for them?

A – We will have enough capacity within in the buildings to handover in the summer with all the years starting at the new school at the same time in September 2019. Hampshire County Council has significant experience of managing major new school moves and we will ensure this transition is as smooth as possible for the children as we can.

Allen Harris
Project Manager (Delivery) Hampshire County Council
Update on the Relief Road A325

Notes

- We are finally aiming on completing Junction 2 and Junction 4 as we speak, there will be no more lane closures for the town
- We aim to be completed by Christmas but have yet to confirm an opening date
- Traffic signing will be installed to direct the lorries and larger vehicles away from central town and using the new relief road, thus minimising the traffic in Bordon
- Works in Budds Lane are planned to start in Spring 2019 to ensure that the footway is widened prior to the school opening in September 2019.

Q&A engagement

Q – Will the relief road be wide enough?

A – Yes. It is 7.3 metres throughout, enough space for ongoing traffic in both directions.

Q – The new roundabout at the A325 / Firgrove Road / Liphook Road junction (Dog Biscuit) is too tight for normal vehicles let alone the larger lorries to go by, can this be fixed?

A – The roundabout junction has been tracked and monitored ensuring that the roundabout is and will be wide enough for all vehicles to use onto the relief road and town. The roundabout has been regularly reviewed and consider that larger lorries and vehicles are able to negotiate the roundabout, although it is clear some drivers are struggling. This will continue to be monitored.

Q – What is to prevent access by lorries into Budds Lane past the school.

A – We will be directing lorries to use the new relief road to access the Enterprise Park and any of the local industrial locations where possible.

Q – When the new relief road is completed (A325) will all Sat Navs be alerted?

Some lorry drivers may not know of this new route and there will then be no benefit for Bordon.

A – The update of Satellite Navigation is undertaken by mapping companies who are generally aware of new road layouts when they are adopted. You will see on google maps that the north and south ends of the Relief Road are shown. We have provided a plan of the whole Relief Road to a Sat Nav mapping company some time ago. Therefore, the mapping will show on Sat Nav systems over a period of time.

Q – When the day of the opening happens will there be a celebration? An electric car perhaps to alert the town?

A – We are still in discussions with Stakeholders as to type and date of the event for the Relief Road and will be alerting the wider community in due course.

Q - Is this a dual carriage way or single carriage way? I am concerned about vehicle crashes where the dual carriageway goes into single lane off the Future Skills Centre roundabout?

A – There is a short section of dual carriageway then the relief road will be a single carriageway for the rest of its length. The design of the road meets Highway Standards.

Q – Along Budds Lane there is a Military Stone (Prince Philip Barracks) and memorial stones (Mustangs) which I do not want to be removed.

A – We are aware and we are keeping the stones close to where they currently are.

Q – Will Budds Lane become wider when it is redone, enough for the lorries to get down and normal vehicles?

A – The design is already in plan and our aim is to encourage the lorries and larger vehicles to not go down past the school and use the relief road straight onto the A325 towards Farnham or vice versa.

Q - Will any changes be done with Station Road as cars have been allowed to park on the road blocking the way? Also, why was the traffic calming removed.

A – We aim to direct traffic onto the relief road to avoid using Station Road, however, this will be a choice for local drivers. The traffic measures were removed as they were considered excessive for what they were trying to achieve, with parked cars making for effective traffic calming. This route will be reduced in status from a 'B' road to a 'C' road when the relief road is opened.

Q – At the end of Budds Lane, how will lorries know where to go?

A – There will be plenty of signage being put up to alert all drivers of larger vehicles on where to go.

Q – Will the traffic be monitored outside Bordon as there is a lot of traffic trying to come into Bordon from different towns and surrounding areas?

A – Existing traffic problems will not be dealt with as part of the Relief Road scheme, but we are considering, and will be monitoring, the impacts of the Relief Road in local areas.

Date for next meeting – Monday 12th November 2018 11am – 12pm