



**Whitehill Town Council
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 6th February 2020**

By Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company

55 attendees

Q&A Engagement

Q – What is the mix of shops and cafes/ restaurants in the new town centre?

A – It is likely we will have 2 coffee shops in the town and up to 5 food outlets/restaurants – of which 3 large restaurants will be in the cinema block. We are keen for a mix of local retailers as well as national brands. The shops will convenience retail, rather than fashion or home furnishings and the like.

Q – Will the proposed new Hogmoor Inclosure car park access cause traffic and disruption on to Hogmoor Road?

A – This new entrance access has been agreed with the Highways authority at Hampshire County Council. There is a second access to Asmodee as agreed by Hampshire County Council. Both meet the highways standards. We wish for the speed limit to reduce to 30mph and are working to achieve this. The café remedial works are underway following the bomb damage, and the access on to Hogmoor Road will then follow – contractors will be complete late summer/early autumn. Until the new access is available, visitors will continue to use the old tank crossing access as they do now.

Q- Will the parking at Hogmoor Inclosure be free?

Yes - Hogmoor Inclosure car park is and will be free parking.

Q – When will BOSC bring in an outdoor sporting facility?

A – Headley Cricket Club played in 2019 on the pitch. This year there will be 30 matches, next year 40+ matches. The Cricket Club has an exciting programme for youth, women's and men's cricket. We have two tennis courts – we are working with local tennis clubs to develop tennis. Petanque is a recognised activity there. A football pitch has been marked up.

Q – Traffic speeds in the area are a concern. Is there anything WBRC can do?

A – We will report concerns back to the County Council as this is a highways issue.

Q – There are loads of cars, no train station and an awful bus service. What can be done?

A – A feasibility test was carried out for a train station and it isn't a feasible option. WBRC are obligated to spend £4.4m as part of the Section 106 agreement on bus and travel improvements. With County's approval we are looking to set up an on-demand transport service which is different to the

no.28 bus service which is now an on-demand service.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/1412020Bordon28bustaxishare> Our proposals are a long-term solution to connect residents in Whitehill & Bordon. It is a demand responsive service using cars and shuttles (7 seaters) connected by way of a transport app.

We will need to improve mobile coverage in the town, and we are at the funding stage to raise funds to do this. Journeys will focus initially on rail stations and transport hubs.

We will mirror the pricing structure of buses and bus passes will be recognised. We will optimise services as the town evolves.

The Section 106 agreement ensures we have a legal obligation to commit to this service on a long-term basis. The town will grow to over 26,000 people and this demand services will ramp up and be scoped as it grows.

This is a new innovative offering. There is no other viable option. The app will be very simple to use. There will be a call centre offering for those don't use smartphones

Q – How will patients from near the Chase Hospital and Forest Surgery get to the Health Hub?

A – The timeline for the transport solution will be set up to open in line with the town centre – i.e. end 2020.

Q – How you the Health Hub be able to expand to cope with 21,000 patients when there is a shortage of junior doctors?

A - The Health Hub is an exemplar scheme for the NHS as part of its Healthy New Town programme. A vibrant Health Hub will provide a catalyst for junior doctors to come into the town and be part of the GP surgery operating there. It is intended that the Chase pharmacy will move across to the Health Hub too.

Q – When will we see plans for the Health Hub?

A - We are going through a consultation process and design workshops with doctors, pharmacists and Southern Health Foundation Trust at the moment. There will be a consultation event for the community in late March/ early April. The planning application will made after that in April or May 2020.

Q – How will disabled people get to the health hub/hospitals?

A – The new transport offering will allow for disabled travel to the health hub and to Basingstoke Hospital.

Q – There is no elderly type housing in the new development. Why?

A – There will be a care home, it's on our masterplan for the town centre. Preliminary work is happening, and we are scoping the size of the facility in terms of number of spaces.

Q – What is BOSC Village?

A – A development of new homes around BOSC Village. We have a consultation 30th May. The military cemetery will stay as part of those plans.

Q – In terms of safeguarding how will the transport fair?

A – We will work with local transport operators that will adhere to guidelines, regulatory requirements and licence arrangements.

Q – How will we make the town centre sustainable in terms of parking?

A – The first two hours will be free. We will then charge competitive rates like other local town centres. Phase 1 will have more than 800 car parking spaces. 150 spaces for the leisure centre. There will be dedicated parking for the health hub. We will ensure there is disabled parking close to the health hub plus ambulance access.

Q – With regard to anti-social behaviour, how is this being addressed?

A – We are working closely with community groups and schools to tackle this. If you see any anti-social behaviour, please report to 111. You can also call the WBRC office during office hours (01420 489 060) regarding anti-social behaviour in Hogmoor Inclosure.

Q – What will happen to the current town centre of Bordon when the ‘new’ area opens? We don’t want more poverty, mental health issues and neglect in the old part of the town.

A – We are working closely with the local councils and local organisations to ensure this doesn’t happen. We have set up with East Hampshire District Council the Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust to focus on problems in the wider community and ensure that the whole town can benefit from the growth of the town. We are working with the churches too to bolster youth services in the town and create a youth café/youth centre.

Q – Will the Forest Centre be regenerated? Could it be utilised for young people?

A – This is owned privately. WBRC don’t know what the plans are for this centre.

Q – Are there facilities for youngsters?

A – We will have a new community centre on Budds Lane sited where the old Mustangs building stands. It will host a youth café. New sports facilities are available in the town including the BOSC cricket and tennis facilities as well as the great facilities at Oakmoor School. The Phoenix also has a series of events focused on young people including Games Fest. We also have a events programme and there will be more events planned in future.

Q – What is the timescale for the new building at Mustangs?

A – The plans will be ready in May. There will be a consultation in Autumn.

Q – Will there be a museum?

A – We are working with Woolmer Forest Heritage Society to create an arts and heritage centre to showcase the history. We are working with the army to commemorate their activities too.

Q – Will the Leisure Centre be accessible from Chalet Hill?

A – Yes there will be one, if not two accesses

Q – What will happen with the tip?

A – The household waste and recycling centre is owned by Hampshire County Council. We understand there may be an upgrade to this facility in situ. We can discuss the traffic with the council. Our section 106 commitment gives funds for this upgrade

Q – What is happening with jobs?

A – We have 450 new jobs in the town already and there will be another 2,500 jobs created through the new town centre and employment spaces we are developing.

Q – Why is there another community facility if we have existing community halls? How will they all be used?

A – There needs to be a balance and mix of facilities in the town. We will work with community groups, Whitehill Town Council, and East Hampshire District Council to get the mix right.

Q – Will there be sufficient electric points for vehicles?

A – We currently have plans for 50+ charging points and will increase this provision over time as demand grows.

Q – Is there clarity on the cinema timeline?

A – We are working on plans to ensure we get the right cinema for the town. Work will start Easter 2021. It will take 18-months to build. We wish for the operator to bring in other entertainment options as part of a package and an events programme.

Q – Why hasn't the link between Dukes Quarter and the Oakhanger Road junction been completed on the relief road?

A – WBRC are working with Hampshire County Council on a shared footway which will be delivered this year.

Q – Will there be a hotel?

A – An 80-100-bedroom hotel will come into the second phase along with a new food store.