



Question Time – Thursday 30th September 2021 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Oakmoor School, Budds Lane, Whitehill & Bordon

By Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company

Speakers

Paul Hemmings – School Headmaster

James Child – Project Lead

Chris Knott – Director

Bruce Collinson – Project Manager

Notes

- Paul Hemmings, Head of Oakmoor School, provided an overview of the progress the new school has made and how successful the school had become in being the first choice of parents in the town for their children
- James Child outlined that these events will be held on a quarterly basis and alternate between Oakmoor School and the Forest Community Centre
- The start of the Asmodee Building project in Hogmoor Inclosure was announced securing 150 jobs for the town
- It was noted that the phase 1 town centre planning application will be submitted in November. This will cover the new Mess Hall, Morrisons, a multi storey car park and shops and flats. BAM Construction have been appointed as preferred contractor to build this
- Guadeloupe Way will have a few shops (convenience retail) close to Morrisons and The Mess Hall. This will not be clothes and fashion retail
- Morrisons will have a new signature store ‘marketplace format’; this will be one of the first of its type in the UK
- The redevelopment of Whitehill Chase was also covered. 54 new residential properties (including 14 affordable) are proposed. Consultation on plans is live online until 11th October 2021 [Whitehill Chase Online Community Consultation From Mon 27th Sep 2021 – see \(dorchesterregeneration.co.uk\)](https://www.dorchesterregeneration.co.uk) for full information.

Questions raised & answers given

Q – Will the Mess Hall be pulled down?

A – The Mess Hall façade will remain but with a new clay tile roof reflecting the old. There will be a new build food and beverage spaces, and retail behind it. The Mess Hall will include a large events area, restaurants, bars, kids play, coffee shop, art gallery, museum, and offices. This will appeal to a wide audience and not compete with The Shed.

Q – Will there be a bank?

A – No, it is unlikely that there will be a new bank in the town. We will however approach Metrobank and Nationwide to gauge their interest.

Q – Will the Morrisons brand change now that they have been bought by a US company

A – No, we are not expecting any change

Q – Will there be a Post Office in the new town centre?

A – There is already one in Bordon, so we haven't approached the Post Office

Q – Will there still be a hotel on the development?

A – It is too early to say. Our future plans include a hotel, but we have not yet secured an operator for this

Q – Will the outdoor cinema stay?

A – The outdoor cinema will stay until the new theatre and cinema building is developed.

Q – Do WBRC subsidise the outdoor cinema?

A – No, WBRC do not subsidise the outdoor cinema

Q – Will there be a care home in the local area?

A – Yes – this will be located near the town centre

Q – Can the bike paths be improved?

A – WBRC will speak to the Council about this

Q – Why do we need a Health Hub? We already have the Chase Hospital

A – There is an increasing population in the town and a new health facility is needed to meet this demand. The Health Hub will provide NHS services and it is the NHS who will decide what services will be run from here.

Q – Who manages the green spaces around the area?

A – Management company for Taylor Wimpey manage the areas at Dukes Quarter. Public open spaces are managed by The Land Trust

Q – Are there parking charges?

A – yes, the first two hours are free. Euro Car Parks manage the car park in the town centre. Visit [Parking - Prince Philip Park](#)

Q – Will the temporary car park on Budds Lane become permanent?

A – This is a school drop off car park. We will need to consider how to provide adequate temporary car park drop off areas as plans along Budds Lane are drawn up.

Q – What is VOCA?

A – VOCA is a type of taxi service 'for the price of a bus'. VOCA is a WBRC venture. VOCA means 'call' in Latin.

VOCA Will cover an area which is a five-mile radius of Whitehill & Bordon including seven local stations. Vehicles will be electric and hybrid. The initial fleet will be 6 cars, one of which will have disabled access. VOCA will run off an app, though there is a call centre for those that prefer to use the phone to book the service.

Q – Are there electric charging points in the area?

A – Yes, please visit [Parking - Prince Philip Park](#)

Q – Will Oakmoor School increase in size?

A – A further wing is in the pipeline to meet the growth in population in the town

Date for next meeting – December 2021, date to be confirmed.

