



Question Time – Thursday 27th October 2022 6.00pm – 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Whitehill & Bordon

By Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company

Speakers

James Child – Project Lead for WBRC

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SJ Bartlett – Trustee for the Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust

49 public attendees

Overview WBRC

- The project is a 20-year development. It is our job to manage it through the economic cycles
- We have a target of creating one job for every new home built. So far, we are beating this target
- Section 106 financial commitments from WBRC are allowing for community facilities and services to be delivered. The total Section 106 package is £54m
- Working with mobile phone companies to get better coverage
- The town is undergoing a lot of investment in fibre
- Public transport is a key focus now
- Asmodee will move into their new facility in February 2023 with a further nine months of fit out after this time
- SIGNAL support 80 local, small businesses and start ups
- BASE also has multiple businesses; Whitehill & Bordon is becoming known as a place for new business including the space industry
- Behind the Future Skills Centre we have potential for 300,000sqft of employment space which will include businesses in Bordon Enterprise Park that will move across permanently. This will create circa 700 new jobs
- Morrisons targeted opening Easter 2024
- The Mess Hall targeted opening is Autumn 2024
- Health Hub could open Summer 2025
- The delivery of 95 apartments in the town centre is being delayed by 12 months as a result of recent housing market unpredictability

Community Trust Update

- A small team including Trustees, Trust Manager, Café staff and volunteers
- Hogmoor Café – 10 local staff including two apprentices. Open seven days a week
- The Beehive – available for private hire with gardens, play and sensory area
- Craft Fayre– run each month from The Beehive, a growing event
- Singing For the Mind at the Beehive – A group for carers and people with dementia to participate. WBCT donate the Beehive free of charge to Andover Mind and Right at Home.
- Building 94 – A dedicated youth and wellbeing building which is a space with pool tables, X Box, and other fun youth equipment. There is more work to be done on this building. The CT engage and work in partnership with the people that use the space. Home to local Scout Group, Sport 4 Kids holiday camps, and Project 94, which will be opening on Thurs 3rd Nov 2.45pm-5.30pm for 11–16-year-olds
- Community Polytunnel – funded by HNT, owned by WTC an under-utilised space which can be used for growing food, flowers – lots of options for the community – open to local groups and schools. We would like to see some of the produce grown go to support the foodbank or local families.
- Please do come and join us in supporting your local community with our varied activities including litter picking, meeting with schools and nurseries, bulb planting, sourcing Christmas Trees for the town, building 94 upkeep, menus for the café, event and project planning. We work with EHDC and all other local organisations
- In the future, we will be working with the Food Bank offering warm hub vouchers and supporting the distribution of warm blankets. Other things to come for 2023 are growth in the after-school club, Green Loop event – a celebration of the Loop, launch a mini green fayre – conservation, energy in the home, sustainability management, climate, and environment advice and support.
- If you wish to meet with us, join us at our new Central location – information including timings to be shared via our social media.

Events listings in the town

- Prince Philip Park [Home - Prince Philip Park](#)
- Ticket [Ticket - Outdoor Events \(ticketcinema.co.uk\)](https://ticketcinema.co.uk)
- The Shed [Welcome to The Shed - A Unique, Authentic Experience in Whitehill & Bordon \(theshedwb.com\)](https://theshedwb.com)
- The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre [About – Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre \(phoenixarts.co.uk\)](https://phoenixarts.co.uk)
- BOSC [BOSC bar and restaurant in Bordon, Hampshire \(thebosc.co.uk\)](https://thebosc.co.uk)

Information

- The Shed parking – we will shortly announce two hours free parking, and free after 6pm. The change is going to be implemented this side of Christmas. Is not yet in place
- Service charges in the town for green spaces and Community Trust – we are reviewing the current service charge levels recognising the pressures on the costs of living

Questions

Q – What is happening with the Tech Forest (Homes England site)

A – A large commercial developer has bought this site from Homes England

Q – Will we become an Investment Zone?

A – Hampshire County Council is promoting commercial areas as an Investment Zone, expression of interest with the government

Q – How is traffic management communicated?

A – Hampshire County Council manage the road closures. [Arrival Square Improvements - Whitehill and Bordon | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) One way system from the South on Chalet Hill to bring more fibre, SSE more ducts for electricity supply. Next stage will be Chalet Hill/Camp Road to make it more pedestrianised. Roundabout will replace traffic lights by the betting shop

Q – Will Morrisons go ahead?

A – This is a new flagship market store; it has main board approval and is legally contracted

Q – How many houses built to date and how many jobs?

A – 350 homes delivered; 650 jobs filled out of a total of 2400 homes and 3000 new jobs

Q – Homes to the area around BOSC

A - We are awaiting planning consent for the homes surrounding BOSC which we hope to achieve before Christmas. We expect homes to come out the ground 2024 / for sale end 2024

Q – Indoor Cinema

A – We like the model of the cinema in Liphook and are considering this for Whitehill & Bordon. There are other ways we can bring indoor leisure options – gaming etc. We are working to deliver this by 2026

Q – What will the Sandhurst Building be?

A – Possibly a hotel

Date for next meeting – January 2023 - date and location to be confirmed