

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

REDEVELOPMENT OF NEWCASTLE GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE

Governors will wish to note progress, as follows.

1. PLANNING

The Trust, Tesco and Newcastle University have been working closely with Newcastle City Council in developing the proposals for the Outline Planning Application.

The proposal was presented as an Outline Application for the whole site, encompassing the vision of a Campus for Ageing and Vitality and was lodged at the end of June 2010. The pre-application work and extensive dialogue which have taken place with the Planners greatly helped with the validation process and the application was rapidly registered on 2nd July 2010.

The Planning Application is being considered within the 13 week statutory period unless the City Council seek the applicants' approval for an extension of time to consider the documentation.

Thereafter, it is anticipated that a Reserved Matters application for Phase 1 of the development, i.e. the Tesco store and the Brighton Grove development, would be lodged within three months of that outcome (on the assumption that the Outline Application is successful).

Construction work could start on site during the second half of 2011, with the store opening for business within one year and Brighton Grove some six months later.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

These investigations found remnants of the 18th Century Military Road. No evidence of Hadrian's Wall was observed in the trenches cut in the roadway and adjoining footpaths.

3. POST APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENTS

A public events timetable has been forwarded to the applicants by the City planners. The drop-in meetings are as follows:

Monday 19th July: Robert Stewart Memorial Church, Wingrove Road
Public drop in - 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Joint ward Committee - 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 22nd July: Westgate Hub, Westgate Baptist Church, Westgate Road
Public drop in - 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Monday 26th July: West End Customer Service Centre, Condercum Road
Public drop in - 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm

The events are held and organised at the behest of the city planners.
Representatives from the Trust, Tesco and Newcastle University will be present.

4. SITE CLEARANCE/DEMOLITIONS

A Demolition Strategy has been prepared. There is no requirement for the Trust to demolish any part of the site in relation to the Tesco development. The majority of occupants have been relocated elsewhere already, with only three staff groups remaining now and plans are in hand to reaccommodate them.

5. SERVICE MOVES

- Currently the last Acute Services relocation to the Royal Victoria Infirmary is scheduled for the end of October 2010
- NHS North of Tyne, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Newcastle University will continue to occupy parts of the site
- As an interim measure, the Westgate Walk-in Centre will move in late Autumn 2010 to the former Young People's Unit on Westgate Road until the Brighton Grove Centre development is complete.

6. PLANS

Shall be on display at the meeting.

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