

Appendix B – Consultation Information for Cabinet Report The Park Daventry Road

Stakeholder and public consultation is planned for March, following the Cabinet decision. Avril Baker Consultancy has been appointed jointly by The Park Community Centre and LocatED (on behalf of the Department for Education) to undertake pre-application public consultation on the proposals for the new Park Centre and the new school as part of the route to planning. The comprehensive plan for consultation with key stakeholders and neighbours/wider public will include face-to-face events and briefings supported by activity online and on social media to reach the wider community.

Ahead of this, some early briefings have taken place with selected key stakeholders and high level information about the plans has been published in the local media and circulated by the Knowle Ward councillors.

Initial stakeholder briefings

In September 2018 The Park Centre held one-to-one meetings with tenants, staff and two local organisations to reassure them about the future re-provision of the Centre as part of the overall site development. This included:

- 40 individual meetings with tenant organisations
- 3 meetings with organisations who use the site
- Full staff meeting (many staff are also local residents)
- A meeting with Knowle West Health Park and Knowle West Media Centre, as members of the Knowle West Alliance

Meetings lasted between 30 minutes and one hour.

A briefing meeting was held with the Knowle Ward councillors on 7 November 2018 and most recently an update was given at the Knowle Community Forum meeting on 16 January 2019.

Publicity

To date, publicity has included:

- News from your Knowle Focus Team (Liberal Democrats e-newsletter) – 27 October 2018
- Focus on Knowle (Liberal Democrat newsletter) - Autumn 2018
- South Bristol Voice have run at least four stories about the project – March, April, October & November 2018

Feedback

All feedback has been positive. Once stakeholders were reassured that working space/jobs would be safe, they were happy with the plans and no specific concerns were raised.

Next Steps

- Holding website to be developed. This will include the information to date, explain there will be further public consultation and provide an opportunity for any comments in the meantime.
- A developed consultation plan to include tenants, staff and users of The Park Centre, key external stakeholders, neighbours and wider public.