

The Wick Project

Newsletter 4 – June 2013

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The Wick Project includes the Wick Campus (incorporating the 'South of the River' Primary School, High School and East Caithness Community Facilities) on the Wick High/Pulteneytown Primary School site, and the new 'North of the River' Primary School to be built on the current North Primary School site.

This Newsletter brings everybody up to date with progress on the whole project in Wick.

On the Web

This newsletter, newsletters 1 to 3, minutes of Stakeholder Meetings, together with plans of the new facilities, are available at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolsbuildingsprogramme/The+Wick+Project.htm>

The Wick Campus

Stage 1 – Council response

The Council has accepted the Hub's Stage 1 Submission – with a Maximum Predicted Price for the High School and Community Facilities of £27.2M.

New Project Request (NPR) – Campus Primary

Hub have now accepted the NPR for the Campus Primary, at a maximum cost of £11.474M.

Planning:

A formal Planning Application for the whole Campus site (The Primary School, High School and Community Facilities) was submitted by GMA Ryder, the Hub's architects, on Friday 14th June 2013.

The application can be viewed at http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=MODW_LTIH7R000

Planning comments can be made via the e-planning web address above.

Copies of the plans are also available in hard copy in the schools, Library and the Swimming Pool.

General comments on the design may also be e-mailed to the address below – **but please note that Planning comments must be sent to the Planning Service direct.**

Wick North of the River Primary

The Pre Planning Meeting took place on 29th April in the Assembly Rooms.

A presentation was made at the recent Stakeholder Meeting (Monday 17th June) on the results of this consultation.

Positive Comments

- Happy with floor plan and landscape layout
- Happy with overall appearance and scale of the building
- Single storey building welcome

Wick North of the River Primary (cont.)

Concerns

- Drop off provision at Girnigoe Street
- Introduction of one way systems for traffic and enhanced safety measures
- Safe Routes and crossing points for pedestrians
- Provision of cycle lanes / routes
- Extent of 20mph speed limit
- Security in courtyard areas

Next Steps (to address above)

- Progress with Safe Routes to School Consultation continues
- Liaison with Council TECs Services on road safety issues
- Continued collaboration between Council and Hubco architects

Planning

It is intended that a full Planning Application for this school will be submitted by Hubco architects in late August / early September.

Stakeholder Meeting – 17th June 2013

The approach to the naming of the new schools was discussed. Suggestions will be sought from pupils and members of the public. There is a commitment to involve pupils in reviewing the suggestions. The Head Teachers will draw up proposals for this process.

Miller Construction gave an update on opportunities for local contractors in the construction process. The work is currently being divided in the work packages for specific trades. Local contractors will be matched to the work packages and given an opportunity to tender, provided they meet Miller's pre-qualification requirements.

Stakeholder Meeting – 17th June 2013 (cont)

The process of identifying new uses for the buildings to be vacated is underway.

A communication strategy was agreed, with specific actions and responsibilities to ensure that everyone in the area is kept up to date with the progress of the project. Design updates will be added to the Council website as the project progresses.