

The Wick Schools Project

The Wick Schools 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 Academy 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, together with newsletters 1 to 6, 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

Newsletter 6 had dates for Stage 2 submission, and Financial Close in March 2014.

These have not yet happened, mainly due to significant work required by Hub/Miller Construction to clarify the submitted tenders.

Hub have indicated that tender costs will be shared with the Council early this month, with the Stage 2 submission following discussions between Hub and Council.

To ensure that the projected Handover Date (before Easter 2016) is maintained, the Council and Hub have already engaged in discussions regarding Early Works Contracts to allow work to start on site. (This process has already been used on the new Primary School site in the North of the River).

These contracts would include site set up, and ground works to level the site ready for building, and would last up to 8 to 10 weeks.

Project Dates

- Handover Date – before Easter 2016
- Move in period – before and during Easter 2016
- Completion of external works – August 2016

Wick North of the River Primary School

Progress

An Enabling Works package started in February as planned. This package consisted of site set up, a new temporary playground, hoarding and drain diversion works.

The old janitor's house, and the wooden building adjacent is being used by Hub/Millers as site offices, and are currently being renovated.

The new temporary playground below is now complete, and pupils are now using it. (The weather looks good too!)



Hoarding separating the construction site from the North Primary School is almost complete.

The drain diversion works are due to take place over the Easter holidays.

A further Enabling Works contract for groundworks is currently being discussed between Hub and the Council.

Project Dates

- School handover – 10/07/15
- Completion of all external works – 26/02/16

Safer Routes to School

ECS and TECS have met to discuss the proposals, and the outcome of these discussions will be provided at the next Stakeholder Meeting.

Stakeholder Meeting

The next Stakeholder Meeting takes place on Monday 19th May at 7pm in Wick High School.