

NEW PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROPOSED BUILDING REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION

Message from the Managers.

What does this mean for your group?

Please remember that the prime purpose of the refurbishment and anything we arrange with you during the transition period is to provide better facilities for you, the community and our regular user groups! This is how we propose to work together with you to achieve our goal.

Where we have got to

NewsPark Issue 3 outlines the good news regarding funding so far, and the need for us all to work together during 2009 and 2010.

Although the commencement of works at New Park Centre is still some way off, we are planning for a phased refurbishment programme that will be the least disruptive to regular activities and users at the centre as possible, so that all activities can continue.

What are we doing now.....?

Following the Council's approval to the New Park Centre refurbishment scheme and plans, we are looking at necessary technical issues, phasing options, detailed design alternatives, planning issues, access and car parking options to ensure the best possible arrangements both during the refurbishments and thereafter. But we do need your help and co-operation and flexible approach during the transition arrangements.

What next...?

What we will do:

- discuss arrangements and requirements with the designated representative from each user group during April, May and June;
- provide regular bulletins and updates until completion of the new facilities;
- keep New Park Centre open during refurbishment, and where necessary, we will put in place temporary and suitable arrangements for your group if required and in discussion with you.

Information we need from you:

- how you get to the New Park Centre - users, visitors, deliveries;
- your full requirements while you are at the Centre - space requirements, services, toilets, showers, refreshments, information etc.
- Your proposed dates for as far ahead, and as detailed as you can give us

Good access and car parking are being addressed within the transition stage and a number of alternatives are being explored. Specialist transport consultants have been appointed to see how we can help. During the construction period, users will be given plenty of notice of any necessary changes.

Enquiries are already under way with a number of community organisations to arrange alternative nearby facilities if required. Our friends and partners in the City are enthusiastic to help us during the project. We do not expect you to have to look for alternative accommodation – this is part of our commitment to you.

Along with our wish to help you through the transition period, we will also be inviting representatives of your organisation to attend a User Forum with the architect and members of the Project Team, to discuss the detail of the proposed new facility specifications so that they will be fit for your activities operationally when the refurbishment programme is complete.

Sharon Gregory, Manager, or Alistair Russell, Assistant Manager, will be speaking to your representative during the next few weeks to discuss our plans and your requirements in more detail. If you wish to contact them the number is 01243 536840, or email managers.newpark@btconnect.com

Most importantly, our commitment is to your ongoing and future enjoyment of the New Park Community Centre!

Sharon and Alistair March 2009



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