

Agenda Item 7.

TITLE	Update on primary care facilities at the Arborfield SDL
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 June 2017
WARD	Arborfield
DIRECTOR	Josie Wragg, Interim Director Environment Judith Ramsden, Director of People's Services

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Delivery of the appropriate health services to meet the needs of residents of Wokingham's Strategic Development Locations, particularly Arborfield SDL.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be noted.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

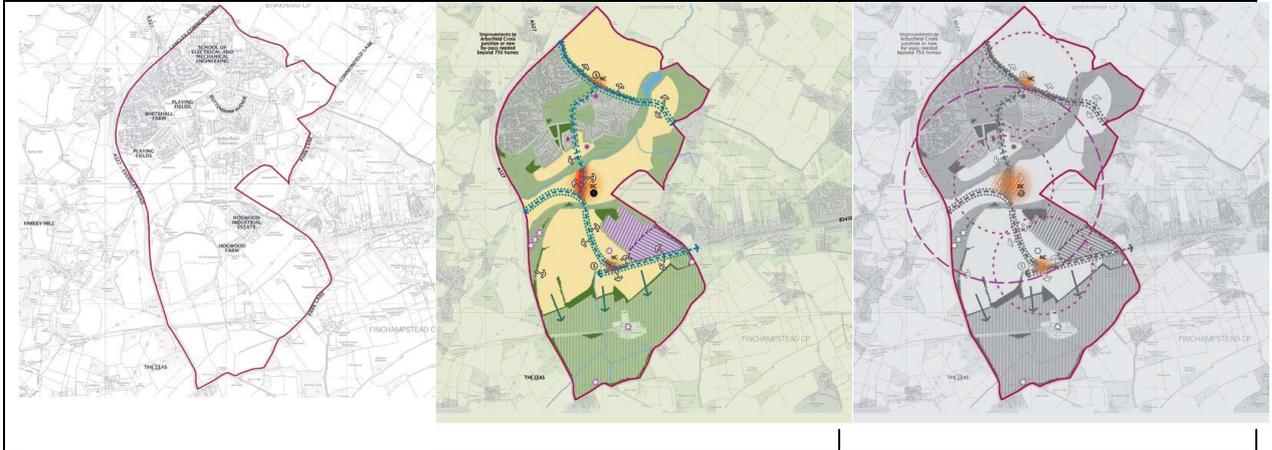
The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an update on primary care facilities at the Arborfield Strategic Development Location (SDL).

It should be noted that whilst the planning process acts as facilitator for healthcare, the actual commissioning of the primary health services themselves will be via the Clinical Commissioning Group, with delivery by GPs on the traditional partnership model.

Background

Arborfield SDL is one of four strategic sites conceived in the Wokingham Borough Core Strategy which was adopted in 2010 and is the largest of the 4 at around 3,500 new dwellings.

Drawings showing the boundary of the SDL, masterplan and 3 walkable districts: -



In the Core Strategy 2010 the then Berkshire West Primary Care Trust (BW-PCT) led on providing support for healthcare delivery and their view was that they anticipated a new GP practice may be required in Arborfield (pp 19 para 2.60 refers). Appendix 7, pp100/1, paras A7.9 A7.13 also refer.

In 2011 we adopted supplementary planning documents which provide a masterplan framework providing 3 walkable districts, the largest in the centre was suggested to have a Health Centre (pp59 refers). The concept was to ensure that residents of the new homes in the SDL could walk to as many facilities and services as possible in the interests of sound planning, sustainability and health.

The land ownership in Arborfield is in 2 main sections, North 2,000 units being in the hands of Crest (on behalf of the MoD/DIO) and South 1,500 units in the hands of the Marino family.

The main District Centre for the SDL would fall into the northern section under Crest and their outline planning permission (O/2014/2280) facilitates the delivery of a Health Care Site (S106 agreement Schedule 4 / Part 5) Facility of no less than 800 sqm. Crest have agreed to submit a Marketing Strategy for the Healthcare Site and to undertake three periods each of six months marketing for this purpose (At occupation of the 500th, 1000th and 1,500th Dwelling). If on conclusion the marketing has been unsuccessful, then Crest shall be released from this requirement.

Analysis of Issues

Whilst the WBC planning process for Arborfield SDL has moved forward based on the guidance of the BW-PCT, the control of this function now rests with the Wokingham Clinical Commissioning Group. (W-CCG) who have become responsible for commissioning GP services. NHS England remains responsible for commissioning decisions on pharmacy, dental and optometry provision and in relation to interest from Dental practitioners that would be a decision for NHS England.

Department of Health guidance for commissioning primary healthcare is changing in response to the emerging crisis in recruitment and retention of GP’s, the delivery of General Practice “at scale” and a desire to enhance ‘out of hospital’ community health services. CCG’s must also bid for capital funds (Estates Technology Infrastructure Fund - ETIF) associated with General Practice commissioning. All of these factors will need to be considered by the CCG in discharging its primary care commissioning responsibility.

The CCG must also engage with stakeholders in its deliberations and that includes the Council as the planning authority and the communities affected. The Wokingham Borough Health and Wellbeing Board has a role to ensure any proposed arrangements will achieve the best outcomes for residents and that dialogue is ongoing.

An ongoing dialogue has been established with the CCG to determine their intentions in respect of health care provision for the SDL. At our most recent meeting with the CCG it was stated that their plans are to address the GP requirements for Arborfield via enhancement of services at the already established surgeries (probably those located in Swallowfield, Finchampstead, and Brookside in Lower Earley).

WBC were also advised that the CCG had bid for funding to facilitate their intentions via the ETIF and received an award of 66%. The CCG have informally enquired whether WBC are would release S106 funding to facilitate the balance of this funding. No formal response has been issued from the Council to this request however it has been advised that the new strategy be shared with stakeholders and once a position has been formally agreed, decisions on funding can be considered.

Unallocated (and as yet unreceived – i.e./ in un-triggered S106s) funds for Health provision through the wider group of SDLs currently stands at £865,812. The CCG have been requested to set out their proposals in more detail for consideration and in particular the rationale for health services provision where it varies from that anticipated through delivery of the Core Strategy 2010.

Katie Summers, Director of Operations, at Wokingham Clinical Commissioning Group put a report entitled “Meeting the Primary Care Health Needs of Wokingham Borough’s Major Growth Areas” to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 10th November 2016. The report sought that it: -

- (1) Note the direction of travel set out within the attached report.
- (2) Support proposal for a working group to oversee the development of primary health care.

No decisions have yet been made in the context of releasing S106 monies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
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Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
N/A

Cross-Council Implications
N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core Strategy 2010 2. Arborfield SDL SPD 2011 3. Infrastructure SPG 2011 4. Health and Wellbeing Board on 10th November 2016. Report entitled 'Meeting the Primary Care Health Needs of Wokingham Borough's Major Growth Areas'

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