



Project News

Dartmouth Health & Wellbeing Centre

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Build Contract Awarded

As we announced last month, following a competitive process, Classic Builders have been formally awarded a £4.1m contract to build the Dartmouth Health and Wellbeing Centre (H&WBC).

The new centre is a partnership project between the Trust, GPs, the CCG and the voluntary sector to bring together in one centre all organisations involved in providing health and care for the people of Dartmouth and surrounding area. The 'one-stop shop' approach will mean different professionals can work more closely together to provide better integrated services for local people.

Final planning and design details are now being completed and teams are being mobilised to start work on site by April 2021. If all goes to plan, the new building should be ready to open in summer 2022.

Working together to plan for summer

The finalisation of the contract sum price and progression of drawings is ongoing and the project team, consisting of the contractor, the Trust, its strategic estates partnership, SDH Innovations, and South Hams District Council have been working hard to plan how the project can start in April 2021 whilst still providing a level of parking in the allocated site. The aim is to minimise impact on the parking within the Park and Ride site and the project team is hopeful that some car-parking in this area will be available, however there are a number of details yet to be finalised.

Meet Ali, the Architect

Ali has been involved with the design of this project from the very early stages. He worked tirelessly to develop the final scheme that has been approved by end users. As well as meeting the cost constraints of the budget to ensure that the building is both functional and cost-efficient, he had to ensure the building will provide a positive user experience for all who use the facility.



Progress of the design and finalisation of contract price

The contractor's design team have been working to develop the design into construction drawings and have held a number of design team meeting to finalise various areas of the design, from foundations through to the finer details of the building.

As part of this work, the team are also preparing the information required to fulfil the planning conditions that are part of the approval. We have carried out a full archaeological survey of the site and provided this to the Devon County Archaeologist, who has confirmed no further works will be required. We have also continued monitoring of the groundwater levels to ensure that the surface water drainage is designed correctly.

Through this work we are finalising negotiations on the contract sum ,to enable the development to enter into contract and then progress the works on site. Once all of this is in place, a programme for building the facility can be issued.



Looking Forward to April

- Final contract documentation
- Commence discharge of conditions following official planning approval
 - Placing of sub-contract orders for groundworks
 - Preparing to start on site
 - Final groundwater monitoring results

