

Project News

DARTMOUTH HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

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BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Planning permission issued

We are delighted that, finally, all the legal requirements relating to the issue of formal planning permission have been signed off. The team worked hard to make sure that all "pre-start" conditions were discharged and we started on site on June 21st.

There are still a few conditions we have to comply with when we start work, for example types of materials and finishes, so our contractors' design team are now finalising all the detailed design work and legal documents associated with delivering the building.

Work starts on site

Our confirmed start date on site was 21 June. You may have already started to see fencing go up and contractors' cabins moved onto the site as we begin preparations in earnest. Over the next month, we will have lots of earth working equipment arriving on site, as we prepare to start forming the car park and the foundations for the new building.

It will then be full steam ahead with a detailed building schedule so that we complete the new centre in time for opening in late summer 2022.

What is next?

Now that we are underway, there is plenty to do to keep the project running on time and on budget. In the coming weeks we will be focussing on:

- working with the Council in getting the temporary overflow car park ready in good time for the main summer holiday period
- working with everyone who will be based in the new building when it opens, to make sure that they each have the space they need for their services and that the new building works well for patients, visitors and staff alike
- making sure that the contractors' detailed designs reflect what the occupants need and are all properly recorded and approved
- regular site visits to monitor progress of the works and resolve any snags that contractors discover as they get deeper into the building work
- hosting visits from building control to check that the facility meets current standards.

Introducing the main contractor

We followed a competitive tender process to appoint our main contractor. The successful bidder was Classic Builders (SW) Ltd. Classic Builders (SW) Ltd was founded in 2001 and is a growing construction company of over 80 staff with bases in Cornwall, Plymouth and Exeter.

The project manager for Classic Builders is Steve Joy, who is responsible for the overall delivery of the project to time, quality and budget. Steve has a wealth of experience working with large contractors, such as MorganSindall and Interserve.

New format newsletter

The format of the newsletter has changed and been refreshed so that it is easier to read. In the coming months we intend to include pictures of the progress on site so that you can see for yourself how much we are progressing.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about the new format don't hesitate to let us know.

