

MEET THE CONTRACTOR MEETING – QUESTIONS RAISED

The meeting provided an update on the project and introduced Hawthorn Heights Limited, the main contractor for the project. The project was welcomed by members of the community attending the meeting who were pleased to see the project progressing. The following questions were raised:

Question:	Response:
Is it possible to make the litter bins accessible?	The contractor will consider if it is possible to relocate the fencing to make the bin accessible. Works will be required in this area in due course and the bins will be relocated as part of the final scheme.
Is it possible to provide more play equipment suitable for toddlers?	The consultation events in 2019 considered the opportunities for play on the Front Green. The play equipment is designed to be a mix of formal play equipment and natural play features which will be suited to a range of ages. The scheme has tried to maximise the play opportunities available but the size of the site does limit what can be provided. The equipment proposed has been approved and ordered but there may be opportunities to add further equipment at a later date should additional funding become available in the future.
Would it be possible to get site signage provided?	The small A4 posters are temporary information and a larger sign will be installed before the end of June.
Are the plans for the new noticeboard finalised?	These are being finalised and will be passed to the contractor shortly. The Lochgilphead Phoenix Project has provided a funding contribution, including funds generated by the Co-operative Local Community Fund, which will help to provide the new noticeboard.
Are we able to use the benches from the site around Lochgilphead over the summer period?	We are working with colleagues in Roads and Infrastructure Services to see if some of the surplus benches could be located within the vicinity of the bus stop. Once complete there will be a range of seating available including reused and new benches and the seating wall. We are holding discussions to see if it is possible to refurbish the wooden benches but this will depend upon the condition of the benches.
Is it possible to use the site compound hardstanding as a base for additional car parking in the future?	Parking was considered during the consultation events in 2019, whilst some people supported parking the overarching view was that it would be better to highlight the existing car park. Therefore there is no parking within the current proposals. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the additional signs proposed to for the car park are not currently included within the project but if funding allows this will be added into the contract.

Meeting held: 16 June 2021