



Halesworth Sport and Health Project

Representatives of Castlemeadow Care (CMC) and the charities Halesworth Health (HH), and Halesworth Campus (HCL) met on the 2nd December 2016 to discuss how best to take the project forward following the news that Halesworth Playing Fields Association (HPFA) has pulled out. The following statement was agreed by all parties:

1. The withdrawal of HPFA does not mean the end of the project. All remaining parties are excited about the prospects of bringing new sports & recreation and health & care facilities to Halesworth and will do all we can to achieve the original goals.
2. The following outline of a revised plan was agreed:
 - HCL proposes to sell part of The Campus site to CMC for construction of the new health and care facilities (still to contain National Health Service beds, free at the point of entry) and 'extra care' dwellings.
 - CMC is still willing to try and accommodate some of the outpatient services provided at Patrick Stead Hospital if suitable arrangements can be made with local health providers
 - HCL will use the capital receipt from the land sale towards provision of new sports & recreation facilities on the remainder of the Campus site
 - HCL and CMC will jointly pay for a new access road, which will still need to be part of the scheme
 - Sentinel Leisure Trust will continue to be the preferred operator of the sports & recreation facilities
 - Pulse will continue to be the preferred developer for the sports & recreation facilities
 - David Gallagher, former Director of Leisure Services at Waveney District Council has agreed to carry on being Project Manager
 - Edward Hare, Chair of the Aylsham Care Trust, has agreed to continue chairing the multi-party project group meetings
 - Mike Haslam, former Head of Planning for South Norfolk District Council and President of the professional body, has agreed to continue providing planning advice
 - We are all optimistic about being able to work in partnership with the new tenants of the Skills Centre

3. We are all now keen to get on and deliver what we are able to, without further delay. We believe the overwhelming majority of local people who voted for and support the project would expect no less. This can still be an important, transformative project for the town and surrounding villages, focused on sport, health and community.
4. We do not hold each of the HPFA affiliated clubs responsible for HPFA's withdrawal and we are keen to work with any of them who want to play their part in the revised project.
5. The football pitch on the Campus, which has been prepared at considerable cost to a good quality standard over recent months, will be playable as intended in 2017, and temporary changing facilities will be available in the Apollo youth club, as agreed and approved by the FA.
6. We welcome the support and involvement of other community organisations and individuals to help us achieve the quality facilities and services that local people desperately need.

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