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Cavendish Square Regeneration Project

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This month we are answering questions that have been raised including those from the book in the library.

"Is there a good reason why there is no plan for a pub/community centre/adult facility on Parks in view of the removal of the Cock Robin and Shaftesbury pub?"

During the public consultation the majority view expressed was that a pub should not be included in the scheme. Initial investigations also revealed there was no interest for this facility from major pub operators. With regard to community facilities, works are being undertaken to improve both the entrance to Reuben George Hall and its capacity, and the facilities at Oaktree school.

"Having started with three grocery shops why are we now reduced to only one choice in Parks?"

The developers went out to try to seek additional grocery shops but unfortunately no other suitable retailers were interested in taking space within the scheme.

"Re: the new Co-op. Will it be big enough to make access easy in a wheelchair or scooter? The current Co-op is very difficult to turn a scooter in and means a journey to town instead."

Yes the new Co-Op will have easy access for those in a wheelchair or scooter.

"As you are building on the existing car park in Royston Road/Whitbourne Avenue, what provision is being made for the residents of Whitbourne Avenue to park their cars?"

Verge parking is being considered and there will be some public consultation to gain an insight into the local requirements, followed by an evaluation and assessment of the verges for suitability.

"Would like a summary of plans in leaflet form to take away."

We will take this suggestion onboard and create the plans in a leaflet form to take away. The leaflet will be issued immediately prior to commencement of the commercial/retail works

"The new plans don't show a children's play area, which was on previous plans - on the Priory road end of the school area housing development. Will it be built?"

There is intended to be an equipped play area within the open space

"Is the football pitch going to be available for use by other people in the community (without pre-booking)?"

The football pitch and other facilities such as the Multi Use Games Area will be available for use by the Community, but there will be a need to book and pay for these facilities.

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