

Hop Oast Waste Depot Project Update: 26th January 2017

Background

The redevelopment of the Hop Oast site brings together the Hop Oast depot in Horsham and the Hurston depot in Storrington into one location. The new depot will provide us with modern fit for purpose premises.

The depot is being constructed by Sunninghill Construction Company Limited, a Haywards Heath based company. The appointment was made following a competitive tender process and works commenced on site in September 2016.

Key Dates/Phasing of Project

Phase 1a: Sept 2016 - end May 2017

Construction of new building (offices and workshop); existing building and vehicle yard remains operational.

Phase 1b: End May 2017 - early Oct 2017

Vehicles move into temporary parking on Park and Ride site

Phase 2: End May 2017 - early Oct 2017

Operational services move into new building, demolish existing buildings and relay yard and parking bays

Progress Update

Planning approval has been received and conditions, predominately water and drainage matters, have been fully resolved. Contract works commenced 5 September 2016 and are currently on programme. The change management programme is underway and preparations are being made for the physical move into the new premises.

The works are on programme.

Finance

The Council approved budget is £4.55m. The construction cost element of the contract is c£4.29m including fees. The balance of the budget consists of £57,000 contingency sum and a £200,000 decant budget which will be utilised to make good any damage to the park and ride and pay for essential equipment for the new facility; approximately £85,000 of the decant budget remains unallocated.

Risks

As the project progresses the risks reduce. The two significant risks remaining are the extent of the repairs that may be required to the park and ride, for which a budget allocation has been made of £60,000 and the extent of any contamination remediation work to the depot yard, for which a provisional sum has been made of £20,000.