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PHE Harlow The Hub

Welcome from Public Health England

Welcome to the second issue of The Hub, the community newsletter designed to keep you fully informed about PHE's plans to create a Science Hub campus at Harlow.

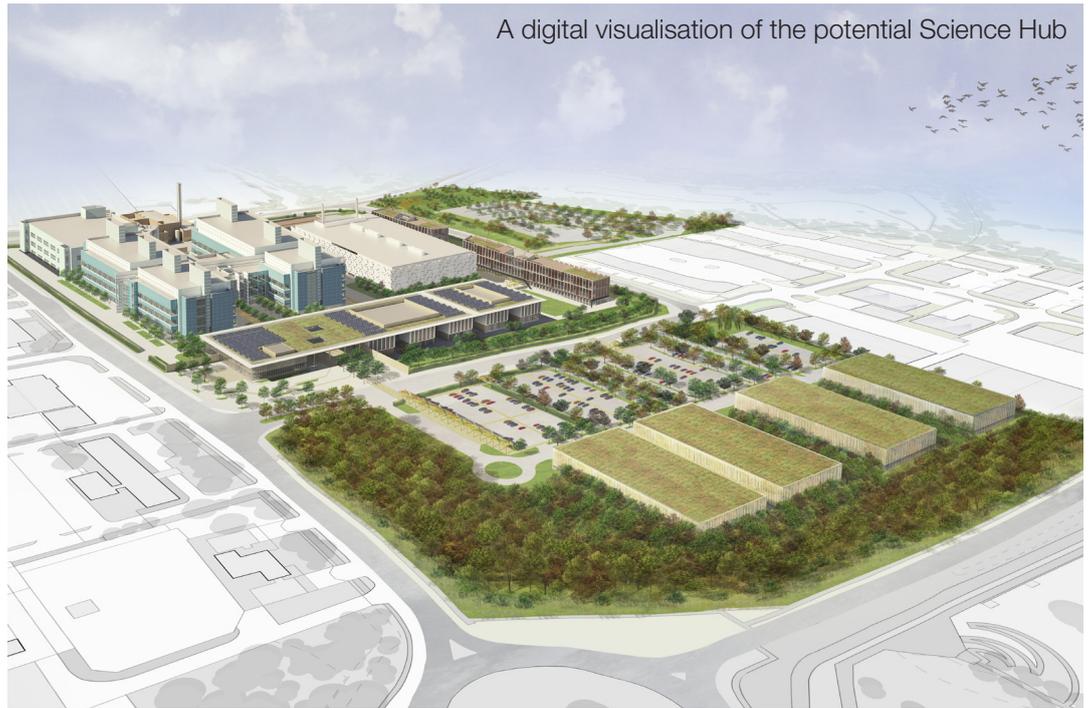
The proposal will see us relocate a major part of our scientific facilities as well as our headquarters to the New Frontiers Science Park. Initially we expect up to 2,750 staff will work at the campus. With provision for future potential expansion that figure could reach more than 3,200.



Once complete, it will bring multiple benefits to Harlow, including a boost to the local economy, partnerships with industry and links with local schools and colleges to ensure training and career opportunities.

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A digital visualisation of the potential Science Hub

We want to hear your feedback

It was five months ago that we first unveiled our plans to create a £400 million Science Hub at the vacant GSK site in Coldharbour Road, Harlow.

Since then we have embarked on a series of engagement events designed to reach all corners of the Harlow community and to give you, the local residents, the chance to shape the final design.

Our first exhibition was held in May where we unveiled our latest plans. It attracted more than 300 people with two thirds taking the trouble to leave their feedback.

Please see pages 2 and 3 for a review of the exhibition and artist's impressions and how the feedback we have received has been taken into consideration with the latest design.

Since the first exhibition we have attended the Harlow Business Exhibition and the Heart4Harlow Festival and displayed information in the Harvey Centre, Harlow Library and the Civic Centre.

We have been speaking to the Civic Society, Harlow & District Chamber of Commerce, residents' associations, schools, businesses, faith groups, academia and charity groups.

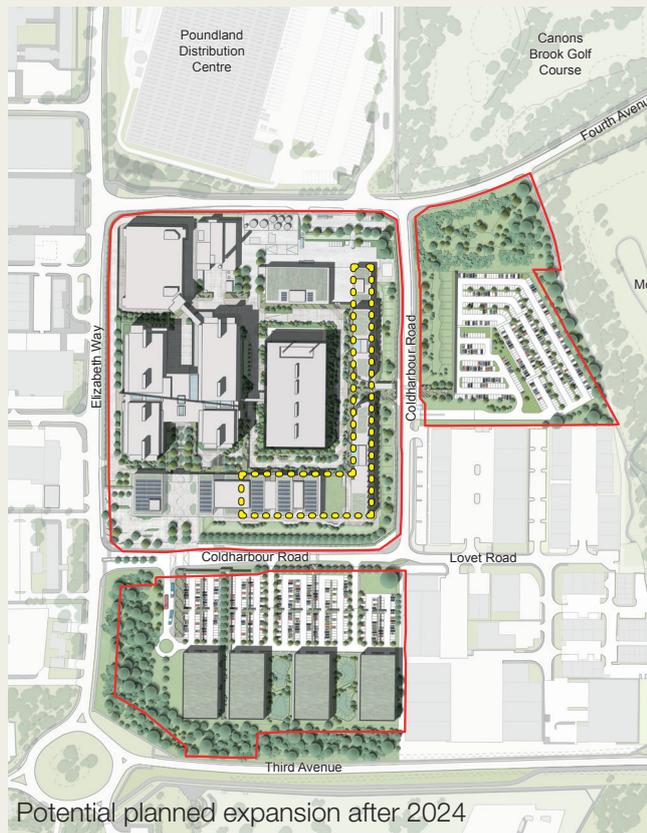
As we finalise our proposals and give careful thought to the type of workforce we will need, we have started considering a programme of apprenticeships and how we will work with local schools and colleges.

For the latest information about our plans visit:
www.gov.uk/phe/harlow

Latest plans for PHE Harlow

Our plans for PHE Harlow have developed since the first public exhibition in May. We have listened carefully to the feedback we have received, and as a result our proposals have changed and adapted. These updated plans were displayed at our recent public exhibition and demonstrated our very firm

commitment to jobs, training and apprenticeships, a detailed travel plan, landscaping and sustainable design at what we believe will be a world-leading public health Science Hub that both PHE and Harlow can feel proud of. On this and the next page we have summarised the latest plans we put on display.



Sustainable travel

PHE is committed to promoting sustainable travel methods and we will prepare a comprehensive travel plan to encourage staff and visitors to use alternative methods of travel to the private car. We will provide car parking including new multi-storey car parks on the southern end of the site. This will accommodate PHE's staff and visitor parking requirements.

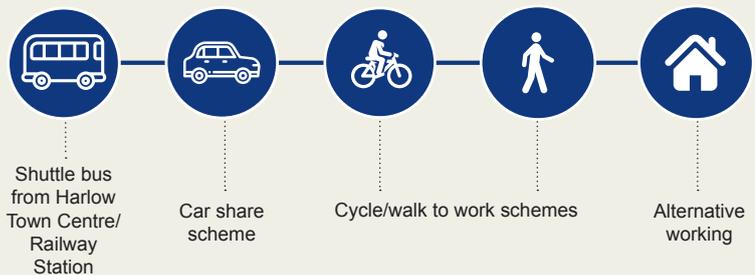
Design

In addition to new office space and laboratories, our plans include a new arrivals, reception and visitor centre, located at the entrance to the site. This building could include publicly accessible exhibition space, a training laboratory for educational purposes and a media centre. Our design includes proposals for a potential expansion which could be delivered after the site becomes fully operational in 2024. This will help PHE meet its potential future operational requirements.

Landscape

Landscaping is also an important part of our plans. We are committed to providing a healthy and sustainable landscape for the benefit of staff and visitors. A landscaped public space will be provided at the entrance and proposals include allotments for staff and a landscaped 'green ring' running around the buildings. Our proposals also look to preserve and enhance existing landscape features such as the woodland, hedgerows and bee orchids.

Potential ideas for our Travel Plan



Some of the key feedback themes from the May exhibition and how we've responded



Q: Can the facilities be delivered any faster?

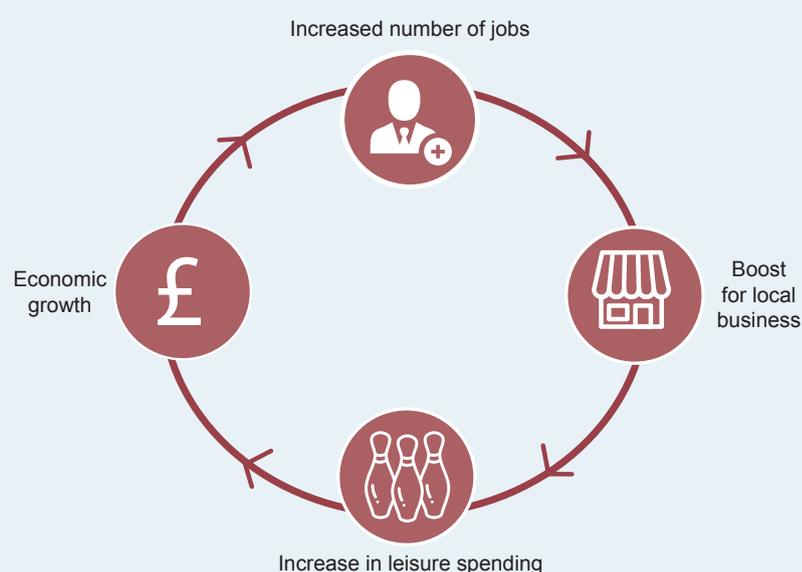
A: We are continuing to look at opportunities to bring the programme timeline forward. As it currently stands, key dates are as described on the next page.

Q: Will the Science Hub have an impact on the local road network?

A: As part of the planning application, we are working with Harlow District Council and Essex County Council to prepare a comprehensive Travel Plan that encourages PHE's staff and visitors to use alternative methods of travel to the private car. The effectiveness of the Travel Plan will be regularly monitored by PHE and the council to ensure the right measures are in place to maximise its impact.

Q: Will the Science Hub bring opportunities for jobs and apprenticeships to Harlow?

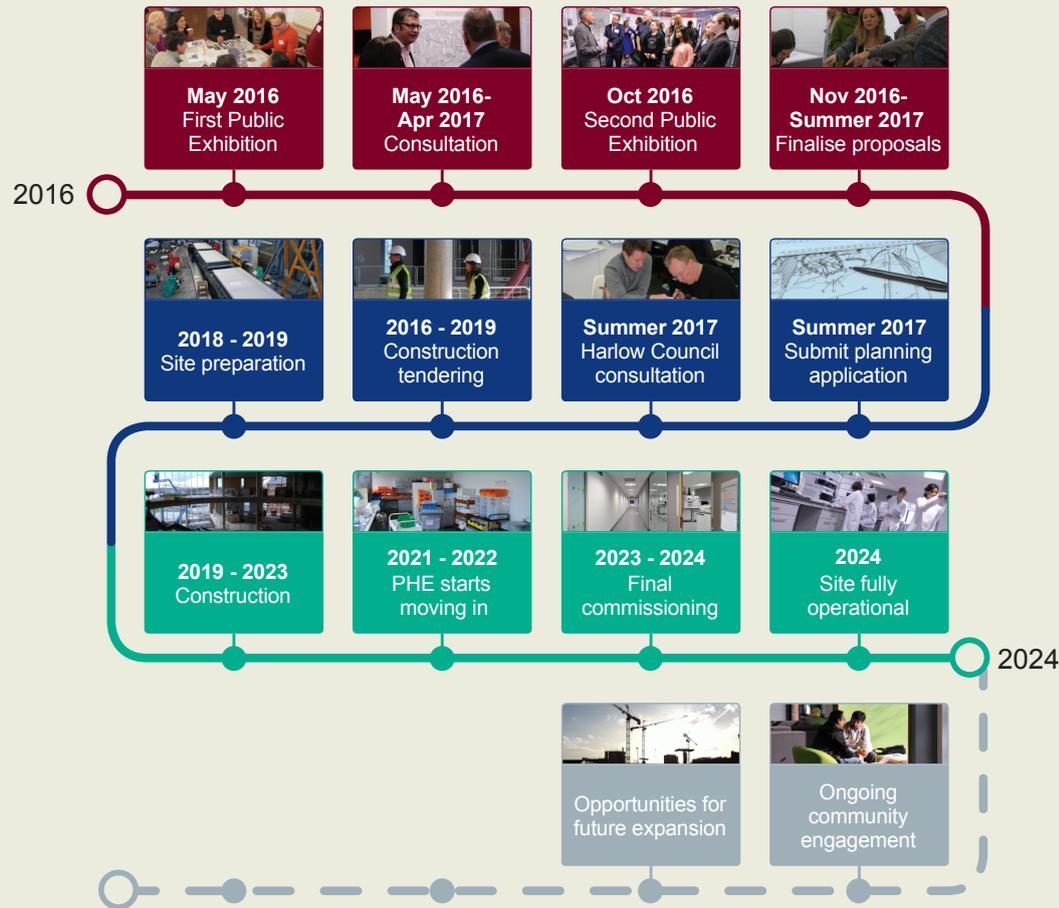
A: Some 2,700 jobs will be based on site in 2024 and it is anticipated that a significant number will be recruited locally. We have already started to explore opportunities to provide apprenticeships to local people now. We've had initial discussions with Harlow College, Sir Charles Kao UTC and Anglia Ruskin University to explore how we can make these opportunities available in partnership.



The boost to local employment and training will deliver wider economic benefits for Harlow, including greater spending in local shops, restaurants and small businesses.

It is expected that the development will create as many as 10,000 associated jobs in the construction supply chain.

The major milestones for PHE Harlow



It is likely that PHE Harlow will take 8 years to complete. We will take time to review feedback and finalise the proposals before submitting a planning application currently forecast for mid-Summer 2017.

Our consultation with the local community will continue throughout the development of the site, and after PHE Harlow is fully operational.

Have your say

We are always keen to hear your views on our plans. You can contact us by filling in the feedback slip below and sending it to:

FREEPOST PHE Harlow Consultation

Alternatively you can email us at pheharlow@phe.gov.uk or call 0800 228 9100.



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