



FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE - UPDATE ON NEW BUILD

Dear Hirers and Users,

It has been nearly 7 years since we first started to explore the possibility of getting a new Community Centre built.

Many users love the current building, as it's been a part of some people's lives over the 39 years the Centre has been running.

As you will know, the current one is showing signs of age, it's becoming expensive to maintain and run.

Last year St Albans District Council elected to fund the rebuild of a new centre. Things have moved slowly but steadily as these proposals had to be approved and funding agreed.

The Council has engaged an architectural practice to draw up plans for the new centre, using much of what the Fleetville Community Centre New Build team had derived from surveys and community discussions to inform their design decisions.

Things are now moving along at a more rapid pace and we're getting close to a time when we can advise everyone when the centre will close for redevelopment and when we expect it to open. Currently it looks like the centre will close in July 2022 and re-open in 2023. We'll confirm this when Trustees have a firm date.

We've had a couple of years of disruption with the pandemic and again the centre will be closed for use as it is rebuilt. This will be frustrating for some users and hirers, but we will get a bigger, up-to-date and more efficient centre, with booking priority going to current hirers when we re-open.

Current new building plans are on display in Cathie's office and next week we'll provide details of what the new centre will look like including interior room sizes and green technology being used. Thanks for your patience

Trevor Parsons - Chairperson and on behalf of Trustees of Fleetville Community Centre