## **Haddenham Stores Redevelopment Project**





### **Presentation to Council March 7 2021**

## Reasons for presentation

- Legal liability of trustees ie Members of Council to undertake due diligence
- This is for information but no decisions to be made at Council today, they will be discussed and made by Council members at the EGM later in March
- We anticipate that planning consent will have been granted around 16 March before the EGM

## Key Question - Why the project should move into RIBA Stage 4 now?

- Stores buildings at Haddenham have significantly deteriorated and are in a very poor condition:
  - 3 buildings have been condemned
  - 3 remaining have a limited life span and could be condemned within a year
  - Insurance of crumbling stores buildings is poor value for money and activities at Haddenham are subject to more restrictions
- FSC would like to run a full programme of camps in 2022 and beyond. The current conditions at Haddenham mean this will not be possible.
- Planning consent will be determined by March 16 2021, it lasts for 3 years
- Project will take 6 months to detail, specify & tender
- Once tenders are received and FSC has sufficient funding in place, construction work could proceed without further delay.
- FSC could choose to delay starting construction once tenders received for 3 months or longer - (implications in chart)
- The fee cost for moving into Stage 4 is £29,844







**Building 6 March 2021** 









East & West Wing Workshops March 2021











**Building 42 March 2021** 











The Long Barn March 2021







## What are our obligations under our insurance cover?

- Our overriding obligation is to ensure that Haddenham is a safe place to work
  - Our employee liability covers us for situations if somebody sues FSC for negligence in the event of an accident
- We would be regarded as being negligent if we
  - Allow people to work without restriction in the 3 buildings that have been condemned
  - Allow people to work in the remaining buildings without restriction given that they are also deteriorating rapidly
- All equipment must be stored securely
  - We only have cover for outside storage when delivered to a camp site

## What are we doing to meet the obligations?

- We have put measures in place to clear the condemned buildings in a safe way
  - Restrict the numbers in the building at any one time
  - Hard hats must be worn
  - Only named individuals in the electrical shed
  - Risk Assessments are in place and regularly reviewed
  - Evacuate buildings and surrounding areas in high winds
- Putting temporary secure storage solutions in place within Haddenham (containers)
- Reviewing other storage options
  - Do we have enough secure space for everything on site?
  - o Do we need to consider storage off site?

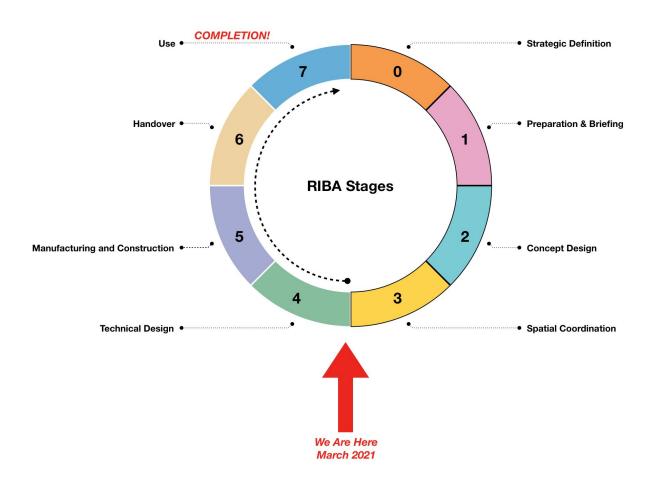
## What are the insurance implications of delaying a decision?

- We continue to pay cover for buildings which are both condemned and continue to deteriorate (throwing good money after bad)
- The buildings with equipment in have asbestos rooves
  - Last asbestos roof survey (2019) said that they were beginning to fail, so all have limited life. Ideally they should all be emptied asap
  - If the rooves collapse onto the equipment, it would be contaminated and could no longer be used
- Maintaining safe working practices will become ever more challenging
  - Likely to need to impose more restrictions
  - People may become less willing to volunteer if safety is a real issue

### Other considerations:

- The current working environment is difficult and unattractive
  - It is hard to attract volunteers
  - Those that have put in a lot of work over the last couple of years could become very demoralised if redevelopment is delayed
- Reduced revenue in 2022-23 as our ability to supply camps is limited
  - Deteriorating buildings will continue to affecting our ability to supply camps
  - We have no indoor space to dry tents so we are weather dependant
  - $\circ$  Repair workshops have limited capacity (roughly reduced by  $\frac{1}{3}$ )
- Moving equipment off site will incur extra insurance costs
  - We have to declare all sites where equipment is stored (if we don't, it won't be covered)
  - The same would apply if we want to move canvas to other sites for drying
  - There are security requirements for all sites where equipment is stored

## **RIBA Stages**



## What is RIBA Stage 4?

- Development of detailed information required to manufacture and construct the building.
- It is the most comprehensive design phase, where all the technical design details and coordination is completed and procurement route decided.
- It is NOT the start of construction but the preparation for construction.
- This allows us to make decisions and start fundraising!

**Procurement** = The process of purchasing goods or services. (In this case the construction of the building)

**Procurement Route =** The process by which the contractor is appointed.

Decided by analysis of Speed/Cost/Quality/Risk

## **Time comparison of RIBA Stages**

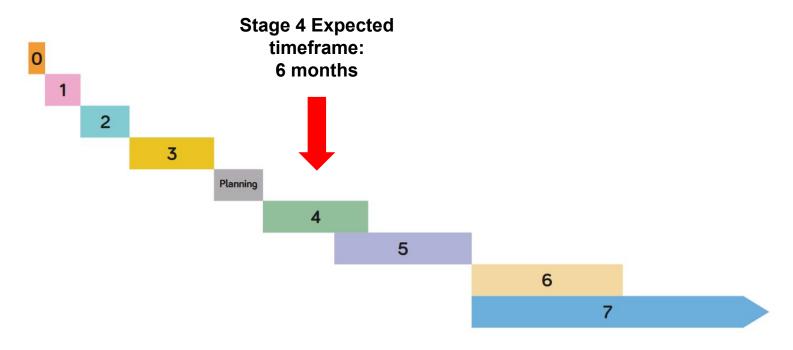


Figure 2: Example Project Programme for each stage of the RIBA Plan of Work 2020



## **Stage 4 Activities**

#### **Architect's Responsibilities**

## Prepare **design information** to construct project:

- Complete **Technical Drawings**.
- Propose construction materials.
- Propose sustainable design options.
- Coordinate Design
- Complete planning conditions

## Decide Procurement Route: (how we appoint a contractor)

- Start Tender process & appoint contractor once funding is in place.
- Plan construction programme
- Suggest areas within the construction that FSC could be involved in the construction.

#### **FSC's Activities**

#### **Consultation & Decisions:**

- Sustainability & Materials
- Construction Methods Consultation
- Procurement Route
- Approve construction Programme
- Running camps during construction

#### Finance:

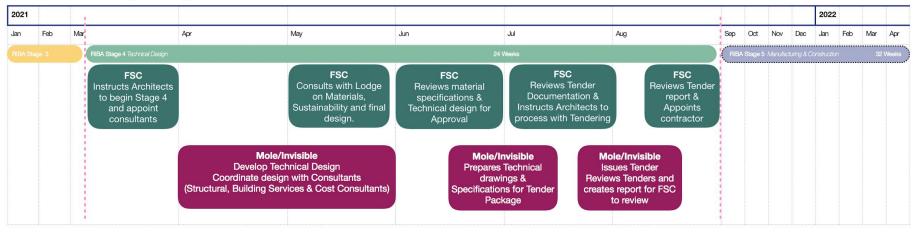
- Fundraising!
- Get Funding in place.

#### **Activities at Haddenham:**

- Clear Haddenham for construction
- Store all kit

## **Programme in Stage 4 - what happens?**

#### Example RIBA Stage 4 Programme



## Sustainability at stores

- The project will be our largest contribution to global carbon emissions in decades.
- Climate Change will affect our organisation. We must play our part in combating it.
- RIBA stage 4 will include:
  - Material choices.
  - Decisions on design for sustainability.
- Sustainability committee is working with SDC to ensure that sustainability decisions play a large part in the consultation process.
- Engagement with the consultation by sustainably minded FSC staff will be key to getting a green building.



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## Forest School Camps Stores Sustainability Brief

The FSC stores redevelopment aims to achieve a site that: is fit for purpose, has minimal negative impacts on the environment and provides a space for an enthusiastic group of volunteers who enjoy spending time there. FSC wishes to obtain buildings for a reasonable price which achieve a high level of sustainability and which will allow its volunteers to flourish in the long term.

#### **Project Sustainability Principles**

- 1. Minimise the life cycle carbon emissions associated with the development by:
  - a. Minimising operational energy consumption by applying passive design principles.
  - b. Minimising the embodied carbon of construction.
- 2. Prioritise the use of natural materials where appropriate.
- B. Design for deconstruction and flexibility.
- 4. Protect the existing site ecology and increase site biodiversity.
- 5. Promote the wellbeing of volunteers.

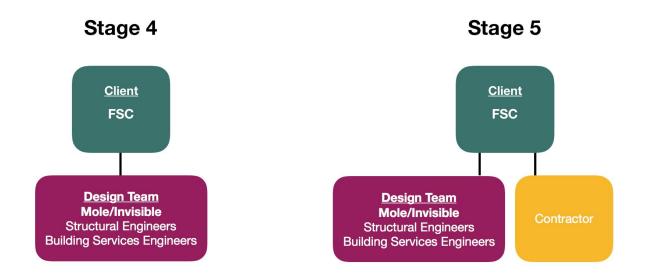
#### **Environmental Sustainability**

Forest School Camps is a highly environmentally conscious organisation - one of our key principles is living in harmony with nature. FSC aims to minimise the negative environmental impacts of this project and maximise positive impacts.

## What happens after Stage 4? Stage 5!

This is the Manufacturing and construction of the building!

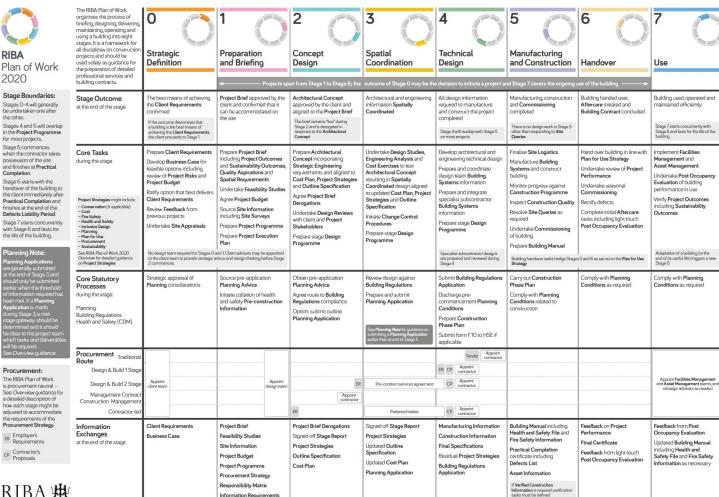
Contractor joins the design team



### Want more information?

This document can be downloaded. RIBA Plan of Work

A Full breakdown can be found here: RIBA Plan of Work 2020 Overview



Procurement:

Employer's

Requirements

Contractor's

Proposals

**RIBA** 

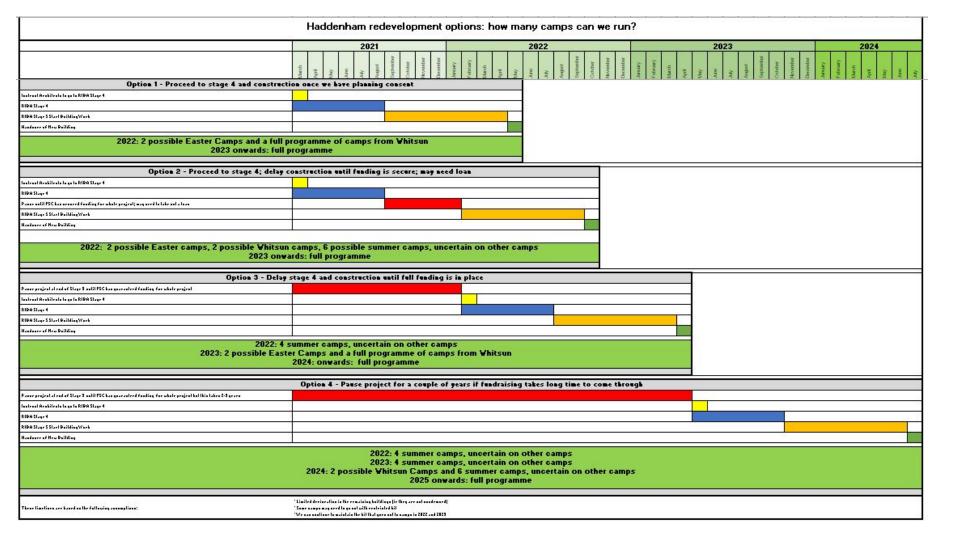
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for most projects.

Completion.

Information Requirements



## Risks and advantages of each option

- Option 1 Proceed to stage 4 and construction once we have planning consent
  - Risk of committing to proceed before all funding is in place. Would have to move to option 2 if we do not have full funding when construction is
    due to start
  - · Work in 2021 can proceed without distraction of having to supply camps
  - · We can run close to a full programme of camps in 2022; revenue restored & happy campers
- Option 2 Proceed to stage 4; delay construction until funding is secure; may need loan
  - Reduced programme (and therefore revenue) in 2022
  - · Remaining buildings continue to deteriorate
  - Funding is in place before construction starts
- Option 3 Delay stage 4 and construction until full funding is in place
  - · Delay may result in increased costs
  - · Significantly reduced revenue for 2022; full programme in 2023 not certain
  - · Remaining buildings continue to deteriorate
  - · Funding is in place before we commit to stage 4
- Option 4 Pause project for a couple of years if fundraising takes long time to come through
  - Planning consent runs out in March 2024
  - · Delay may result in increased costs
  - Remaining buildings could be condemned before we go to stage 4
  - Significantly reduced revenue for 2022 and 2023; full programme in 2024 not certain
  - Confidence that financial support is secure

# Q&A

## What happens if we do nothing?

 Haddenham Stores cannot continue to function and supply camps in the current state so ultimately camps will not be able to run.

# Why should we expend money now on fees to design a building we might not be able to afford?

- £110,000 has already been spent on the project to get to this stage and major electrical works are being undertaken at the site.
- Only if the work is tendered will we know the full cost of the new building and there are
  options to reduce costs and/or to build it in two phases or for FSC volunteers to
  undertake some of the internal construction work and landscape works on completion
  of the building.

# What happens if we stop the project now and wait to move into Stage 4 in 2022/2023?

- As shown in the Options slide, the longer the delay in getting the project ready to tender then the more difficult it will be for Stores to run and supply equipment to camps.
- FSC will not be able to run a full programme of camps until the new building is built
- Construction and fee costs will increase.

# What happens if the building construction work is tendered & the costs come back above the funds available?

- A lot of work is undertaken in Stage 4 to try to ensure this does not happen
- If it did, SDC would have to work with the architects & contractor to change specification of some materials and change or reduce the scope of works. This is called 'value engineering'

If a contractor was instructed to start work in RIBA Stage 5 would FSC get into a position where the construction started but there weren't sufficient funds to finish the building?

- No, to prevent this happening, FSC will not instruct a contractor to start work until we know how the project will be paid for. This might be through grants or loans
- There is also a sum of £100,000 contingencies included in the tender costs to ensure that if there are unforeseen works when construction starts (usually at the beginning of the project) then there are funds available to pay for it.

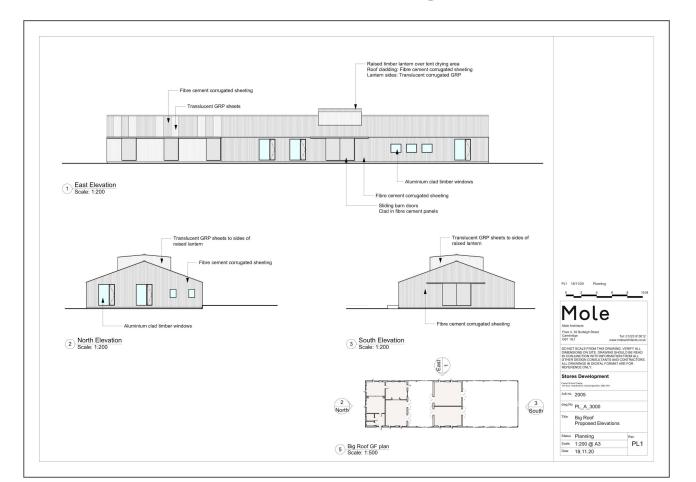
## Why have the project costs increased from August?

- Costs in the report are the best estimated whole project cost which includes building costs, all consultants fees & emergency works at Haddenham.
- Quantity Surveyors (QS) were asked in December 2020 to estimate costs for everything internally & externally for new building for fundraising information purposes. Until the work is tendered we won't have the final building costs.
- The project cost quoted includes building construction to ensure FSC could move into a complete new building except for the provision of furniture and storage systems.
- There is a large sum allocated for external works (£160,000) that could be undertaken by FSC volunteers and FSC could choose to further reduce costs by undertaking more internal fitting out & construction.
- Some costs have increased due to additional required specifications for the building because of the ground conditions
- The Covid pandemic and Brexit have created huge uncertainty in contractors' pricing, the availability & supply of materials, cost of inflation plus the availability of labour & additional costs related to working under Covid regulations. The QS will price conservatively to take account of this.

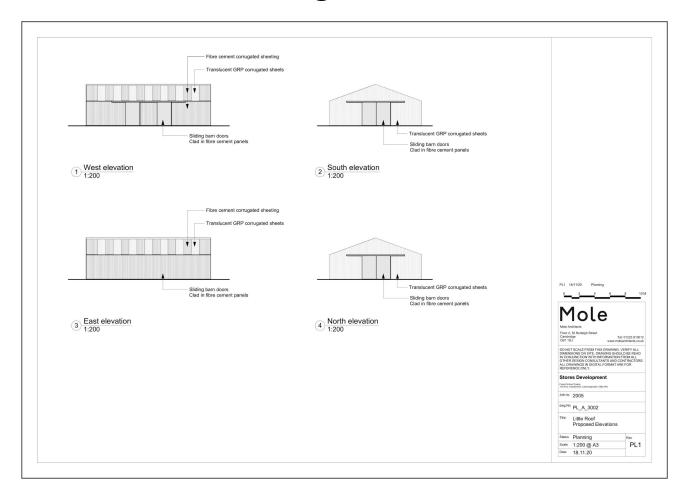
## Proposed site plan submitted for planning



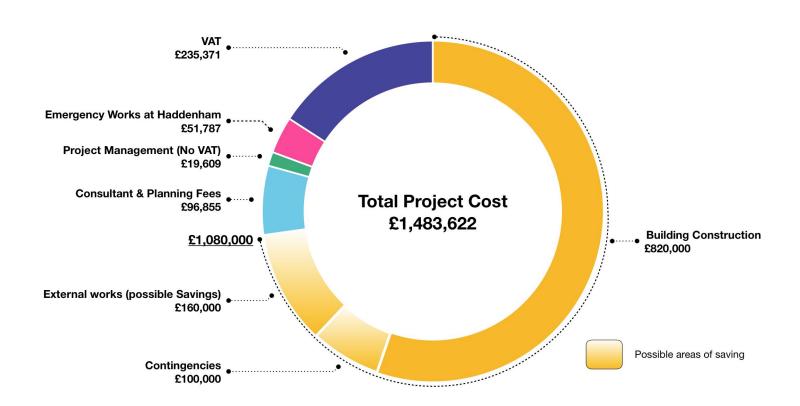
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## Project Cost Overview Phases 1 & 2 - the 'Big Roof'



## **Project Cost Overview Phases 1 & 2 - the 'Big Roof'**

Total Project Cost	£1,483,622 (VAT incl.)
Building Construction Costs	£1,080,000
Consultant & Planning Fees	£96,855
VAT on above	£235,371
Emergency Works at Haddenham £51,787(VAT incl.)	
(electrics, bungalow, temporary storage)	

(£100,000 contingencies included, and possible saving £160,000 external works)

## Finance & Fundraising 1

## **Stores fundraising spreadsheet2021\_0227**



## **Fundraising & Finance 2**

Source of money	How we will secure	What we need	Who will do it
The Lodge	<ul> <li>Appeal letters to staff, associates and elders</li> <li>Fun events, sponsored camp outs, singathons, walks, hopping challenges etc.</li> </ul>	£225,000 over 3 years	EVERYONE
Trusts and foundations	Steady stream of funding applications	£440,000 over 3 years	FR Committee
In the meantime			
0% Loans and repayable grants	Talk to potential sources and only draw down if necessary	<ul> <li>£200k pledge from a donor - repayable over 20 years</li> <li>£250k repayable grant from major trust (3-10 year pay back)</li> <li>Other 0% low risk loans</li> </ul>	FR Cttee, Chair, Vice-Chair

### What's Next ...

- Council EGM in March 2021 to make decisions on the Stores Redevelopment Project
- Work happening at Haddenham over the next six months involving FSC volunteers
  - Work days initially, work camps once Covid rules allow overnight stays
  - There will be a sign up system as volunteers will be limited to maximum 30 until
     Step 4 of lockdown easing
  - Will include works on the site to enable essential electrical works to be undertaken in April
  - Will include essential remedial work on the bungalow
  - Grounds maintenance & possible preparation works for construction
  - Clearance of buildings that have been condemned (42, The Long Barn, Electric Shed) camping equipment to be moved into temporary storage