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Planning application for new Staploe Medical Centre has been submitted.

6th February 2024

Further to our [pre-announcement](#) in December, we are delighted to announce that a full, detailed planning application for a new Staploe Medical Centre has now been submitted.

We believe that this application is essential to enable us to continue providing service to our patients, as well as keep up with housing developments in Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Chippenham, Wicken, and the other surrounding villages that we serve.

This is a joint application between Mereside Medical and This Land. The reason for this is that the application spans land owned by Mereside Medical (the current site) and This Land (the proposed new site, within the Soham Eastern Gateway housing development, Planning Ref: 19/01600/ESO).

After exploring many options, the location indicated in the Soham Eastern Gateway is the *only* location in Soham that is central enough *and* large enough to deliver a building fit for the future.

We know that many of you may have questions about what we are proposing, so we have prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document, available at www.meresidemedical.nhs.uk/about/staploe-new-build. If this document doesn't answer your questions, then please do send in any further questions to cpicb.mereside.estates@nhs.net, or in writing to the practice.

You should soon be able to see the proposal on the East Cambridgeshire District Council planning portal: <https://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/>. If you live within the immediate vicinity of the site, you should also receive a letter about this inviting your views. There will also be a Site Notice on display in the vicinity.

It is really important to us that we offer our registered patients the opportunity to come and see the proposed designs and ask questions in person, in, or close to, their home village.

We have therefore organised a series of events across the Staploe Medical Centre catchment area, covering as many locations and times of day as possible. If you are unable to join us at one of these events, please visit the practice after 19th Feb to see the display boards showing the designs.

We hope you can join us, and we would welcome your feedback on the proposal either online (www.surveymonkey.com/r/StaploePlanningApplication), or in the practice. If you have any further questions please do get in touch at cpicb.mereside.estates@nhs.net. There is of course also the option to submit your comments formally on the East Cambridgeshire planning portal.

Thank you for giving your time to listen and engage with us on this proposal - we sincerely hope to gain your support for this much needed facility.

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Schedule of Community Engagement Events: Staploe Medical Centre planning application.

We hope to see you at one (or more!) of our community engagement events detailed below. We will have display boards showing key aspects of the plans for you to look at, and there will be members of the team available to answer your questions.

All of these sessions are open to all members of the public, especially those who are already registered patients at Staploe Medical Centre. For example, you don't have to live in Isleham to come to the Isleham events. Please just come to whichever event is most convenient for you.

If you are unable to join any of these, then please do just pop in to Staploe Medical Centre when convenient for you, as we will have the display boards in the waiting room for you to look at.

Date	Time	Location	Type of Event
Tues 13 Feb	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Wicken Village Hall, Mission Hall Green, High St, Wicken, CB7 5XR	Open drop in Q&A session followed by formal agenda item at Parish Council meeting, which will start at 7.30pm
Weds 14 Feb	11am – 3.30pm	The Beeches, 32 Mill St, Isleham, CB7 5RY	Open drop in session
Thurs 15 Feb	3.30pm - 7pm	Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5ED	Open drop in session
Sat 17 Feb	9.45am - 10.45am	Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5ED	Participant at clinic of Lucy Frazer MP, to answer any questions that may arise about the proposals.
Thurs 22 Feb	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Online video presentation	Click here to go directly, OR go to: www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting Meeting ID: 345 384 898 036 Passcode: 9R8bNW You don't have to install Teams software – just select 'Continue on this browser'
Mon 26 Feb	6pm – pm	Victoria Hall, Carter St, Fordham, CB7 5NG	Open drop in Q&A session, followed by formal agenda item at Parish Council meeting, which will start at 7pm.
Mon 11 Mar	6pm- 7pm	Chippenham Village Hall, Scotland End, Chippenham, CB7 5PR	Open drop in Q&A session, followed by formal agenda item at Parish Council meeting, which will start at 7pm.
Mon 8 Apr	6.15pm - 7.15pm	Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5ED	Open drop in Q&A session, followed by formal agenda item at Parish Council meeting, which will start at 7.15pm.