

# St Stephen's Community Hub Newsletter



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North Lanarkshire Council has appointed Morrison Construction via hub South West Scotland, as their preferred contractor to deliver the new St. Stephen's Community Hub.



## What are we building?

This project is to design and build a New Community Hub Facility serving the local communities of Coatbridge, North Lanarkshire. The new facility will be located on the site of the existing Sikeside & St Stephen's Primary School. The Hub will include St Stephen's Denominational primary school and associated Language and Communication Support Centre (LCSC) provisions along with a nursery class, community hall, partnership zone and associated sports facilities.

The existing Sikeside Primary School is not within the scope of this project and will be moving to its new facility prior to construction commencement of this development. The existing St Stephen's Primary School will remain operational during the construction of phase 1 of the project. Once the pupils have decanted into the new building, phase 2 will commence and will include the demolition of the existing building and any remaining landscaping works.

## Progress to date?

### Early Stage development

The project team have commenced stakeholder engagement sessions with the pupils, the staff, and the Parent Council. These sessions constitute a critical part of the facilities design process as they ensure that the local communities needs, and aspirations are captured within the overall proposals. These sessions will be extended to residents and local community groups as the project develops.

## Community and Social Value

Morrison Construction have an excellent track record of maximising social value and creating a lasting impact on communities. As we approach the start of the build, we will work with Education, support local businesses and third sector organisations, and directly engage the community surrounding St Stephen's Community Hub.

We have already begun working with the community of North Lanarkshire in preparation for this project. We recently carried out our Dino City Health and Safety programme at Hilltop Primary School. We also regularly work with Level 4/5 Construction Foundation Apprentices from Airdrie Academy and St Andrew's High School, offering employability advice, health and safety workshops and team building challenges.

## Community Engagement Session

All local community welcome to attend the initial Community Engagement Session that will be held at St Stephen's Primary School on 7th March 2023 at 18:30 - 19:30.

## Programme

Morrison Construction shall commence works on the site during the early part of 2024. We will keep everyone updated throughout this process and provide regular newsletter updates together with progress photos throughout the build period.

## Surveys

We have commenced initial surveys as part of our detailed design and planning for the new school. These surveys cover the existing school building, school grounds, adjacent road, and path networks.

## Community Benefits



*School Engagement Sessions with pupils*



*Team building challenges with level 4/5 Construction Foundation Apprentices from Airdrie Academy and St Andrew's High School*



*Dino City Health and Safety programme at Hilltop Primary School*

## Who is hub South West?

hub South West Scotland is a public – private partnership that enables cost-efficient design and construction of community infrastructure within Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, and Dumfries & Galloway. Our aim is to provide effective value for money and generate growth in the local economy through our method of partnership working and procurement, maximising local investment and creating joined-up, improved community services.

## Who is Morrison Construction?

As a tier 1 contractor on the hub south west Scotland Framework, we are a leading provider of infrastructure services, construction, and property developments. As one of the largest regional builders in the UK we work with public and private sector clients on projects of all sizes and complexities. We are committed to delivering essential infrastructure for local communities and leaving lasting legacies through our work.

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