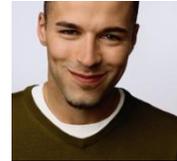
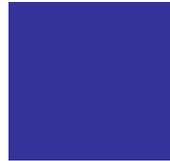




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## **Developer announced for the redevelopment of Townlands Community Hospital**

NHS Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Cluster have announced the selected bidder for the redevelopment of Townlands Community Hospital in Henley.

Amber Infrastructure Ltd, working through Amber Solutions for Care (ASC) in partnership with Vinci Construction has been selected from the final two bidders to deliver the redevelopment project.

Riana Relihan, Project Manager said: “We are very pleased that we have reached this phase of the project to redevelop Townlands Community Hospital with the support of the local community. The PCT has selected ASC having assessed their bid proposals to deliver the new hospital facilities.

“On making the final decision, the PCT considered the final two organisations’ bid proposals which included the design solution for the NHS facility, the site masterplan as a whole, and their ability to deliver the facility within the specification and terms of the contract.

“The next stage of the project is the Full Business Case for the redevelopment being approved by the PCT Cluster Board in June and the Strategic Health Authority Board in July. ASC will also submit their planning application in June 2012. ASC is due to commence construction in January 2013 with the new hospital set to open at the end of Summer 2014.”

Mike Leto, Project Director for Amber Infrastructure said: “We are thrilled at the opportunity to deliver the new Townlands Community Hospital and the wider health and social campus on the Townlands site. We are proud of the design and clinical solution that has been developed and look forward to turning it into reality in partnership with the PCT and its stakeholders.”

Cllr Ian Reissmann, Chair Townlands Steering Group said: “Everyone will be delighted that yet another significant milestone in the project has been achieved on time. The appointment of a preferred bidder Amber Solutions for Care means the project can now go forward to the next stage in which planning permission can be applied for.

“It also means that the community will soon see detailed plans for the redevelopment. The final two bidders did present their plans to the Townlands Steering Group (TSG) in February which were well received. However, this was just an appetiser as only a very high level overview could be presented. We will have the opportunity to do that over the next few months starting with consultation by Amber Solutions for Care of their plans on the Townlands site on 16 and 19th May. I hope as many people as possible will attend and provide their views.”

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## **Notes for editors:**

An overview of the development is summarised below:

Replacement Hospital Facility – 18 beds

12 palliative care beds that will be run by Sue Ryder Hospice

Chiltern's End Care Home replacement facility

Ambulatory Care Centre, consisting of:

- Minor Injuries Unit
- Therapies
- Outpatients
- X-ray

Residential development.

### **About About Amber Infrastructure Group:**

Amber Infrastructure is a leading international infrastructure specialist, providing asset management and investment advisory services in respect of over £4.1 billion of assets in the UK, Europe, Australia and North America. Amber's core business focuses on sourcing, developing, advising on, investing in and managing infrastructure assets within the utilities, PPP, transport, renewable energy and regeneration sectors.

Amber provides investment advisory services to International Public Partnerships Limited (a FTSE 250 listed specialist global infrastructure investment company) as well as private investment funds, specialising in urban regeneration. Amber is headquartered in London with offices in Munich, Sydney, Melbourne and San Francisco and employs approximately 60 people, making it one of the largest international infrastructure specialists.