Welcome to the first WPP Update Newsletter

These newsletters will provide you with an update on the construction programme and local community activities. Wellingborough Prison Project is part of the Ministry of Justice’s (MoJ) wider strategy to change the way that the prison estate is organised and operates and to make a significant improvement to the overall quality of the buildings across the estate. The Prison Estate Transformation Programme (PETP) will make the estate more efficient, safer and focused on supporting prisoner rehabilitation and reducing over-crowding.

The first two PETP projects will be at Wellingborough and Glen Parva, Leicester.
Community Commitments*

Across Glen Parva and Wellingborough schemes, Kier, Interserve (who are constructing Glen Parva) and the MoJ are working towards the following People and Skills community commitments to ensure that the prison project benefits the local community and leaves behind a positive social and economic legacy:

- 25% local employment (for those working on site)
- 40% local employment (for those working off site)
- 150 new jobs created with at least 25% ex offenders
- 3500 work placement days
- 100 Apprenticeships
- 2000 people upskilled to work on construction projects
- 30% on site spend with SMEs
- 20% on site spend within local area

* This will be across the two projects in Wellingborough and Glen Parva.

People and Skills Steering Group

The Ministry of Justice and Kier have set up a local group called the Wellingborough Prison Project People & Skills Steering Group. This group includes County Borough of Wellingborough Council, Department for Works and Pension (DWP) – Jobcentre Plus, SEMLEP (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership), CITB and Goodwill Solutions. Together we will be looking at how we can deliver the commitments made above. The first meeting was held on the 16th April at Wellingborough Jobcentre.

This Steering Group are planning a People and Skills Symposium in June to share the commitments with local partners and stakeholders in the local area and gather their ideas as to how we can work together to deliver the commitments.

Want to work on the project?

If so, we have an Expression of Interest form that will enable local people to register their interest in working on the construction phase of the project.

We are also holding Meet the Buyer events for local potential supply chain partners.

Further details of both will be available in the next Newsletter.