

Interest sought to deliver Garth Park eco-café (Working Title)

Proposals to use the site of a former demonstration building to provide Bicester park users with a catering outlet and public toilets are continuing to move forward.

Bicester Town Council are seeking expressions of interest to pursue plans to build a new eco-café at the site of the former Eco Bicester demonstration building in Garth Park.

The site, which sits adjacent to The Garth building, previously housed the Eco Bicester demonstration house until its relocation to Warwickshire in 2013.

Cllr Richard Mould, chairman of Bicester Town Council's policy committee said: "Following extensive consultation both on line and at the teddy bears' picnic event in August the proposal to have a café and new toilets in Garth Park is something regular users of the park will appreciate. By making it a sustainable building it will be supporting the vision for Bicester which we are all striving to achieve."

Plans for the café include the provision of new male, female and disabled toilets and a catering outlet which will be supported by an outside, covered seating area. In line with the Eco Bicester ethos, the building will need to be of sustainable construction incorporating as many sustainability features as possible such as photovoltaic solar panels.

Expressions of interest are now being sought for either the design and build (including or excluding the internal fit out) or the design build and management of the café once built. Special consideration is being given to expressions of interest from local organisations, contractors and suppliers as this will support the local economy and reduce the carbon emissions associated with transportation.

Anyone interested in expressing an interest in delivering the project must do so in writing by 31st December 2014. This should include an overview of the company, your sustainability credentials, indicative design plan for interior and exterior, an elemental cost plan and a focus upon the sustainable construction techniques and incorporation of low carbon technologies.

It is anticipated that subject to the necessary approvals building work will begin on site in spring 2015, to be completed in summer of the same year.

For more information on the scheme, including details of how to express an interest, call 01869 252915 or email sue.mackrell@bicester.gov.uk