

Notes from the meeting of the Northstowe Heritage Steering Group

26/4/22

Timetable

Planning permission received and programme updated. QC had produced a list of key dates but would check/update to see if there are any programme changes.

Follow-up – the programme has slipped by 3-4 weeks and an updated 'key dates' sheet is attached.

Communications/Publicity

QC had discussed with CCC comms. It was agreed that a press release about the facility was now appropriate, but that it would be better to wait until after the May 5 local elections. Proctor and Matthews (Architects) also wanted to put something in technical journals about the project but agreed this would be simultaneous with other publicity.

Local events. upcoming events include:

- 5 June Jubilee event
- 13 July Northstowe Community Forum
- August BH Secondary School Culture Weekend
- 9-18 Sept Heritage Open Days (poss soft opening)
- 8/9 October 7 Squadron Assn

It was agreed that 8 October could be a suitable opening date.

Update: the construction programme slippage means that a soft opening in September is not possible but that the 8 October (7 Sqdn Assn weekend) was achievable. Simon Hill (Vidar Media – exhibition designer) has advised that the Royal Anglian Regiment Museum are interested in the project as the regiment was based there in the 1980s and as a result it may be possible to invite the RAR Regimental Band. There are also connections with the current 7 Squadron RAF that can be explored.

Agreed that we need a name for the facility!

Agreed that a timelapse video of the construction would be beneficial. QC has raised with Homes England and has details of the person that undertook theirs. Construction PM to action.

A SharePoint space exists and board members will be invited to join it.

QC to action

Officer Appointment

QC has received Kathryn's JD.

Kathryn to send JD to QC

QC to start preparing officer JD for discussion with the group.

Next Meeting 31 May 2022