



South West Project Management

**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL'S NEW CIVIC CENTRE - UPDATE JULY 2023**

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Dear Simon Crundell,

I wanted to tell you about **South West Project Management (SWPM)**'s ongoing success working with **Tidworth Town Council (TTC)** and the Mayor of Tidworth, Mark Connolly, the driving force behind their fantastic new civic building, and how we believe we can replicate that success working with other Town Councils in the South West, such as **Melksham**.

In conjunction with Wiltshire Police, **TTC** is currently funding the construction of a new £7.1M Civic Centre & Police CPT in Tidworth, which **SWPM** is managing on their behalf. We are now nearing completion of the project both on time and within budget - having received full Government-backed funding (DMO/Public Works Loan Board), completed RIBA Stage 4 Design, achieved planning permission, received tenders back (well within our original budget), and with a main contractor appointed.



The new Tidworth Civic Centre is a perfect example of a project brought about due to a successful funding application combined with experienced project management. By deploying the same approach, other Town Councils in the region can deliver equally impressive facilities. **SWPM** has the experience to guide you efficiently and effectively through the whole process, from funding to completion.

We are keen to share our expertise on how we moved in under three years from the original concept stage to where we are today, and to replicate the project's success in other South Western communities.

### **The New Tidworth Town Council & Wiltshire Police Community Policing Team Building**

Tidworth Town Council wanted to provide a modern and flexible Community Civic Centre for their local community to replace their ageing Community Centre, a temporary building which has served its purpose and reached the end of its useful life.

The new building is designed not only to meet the town's current needs but also its future needs. It will be a meeting place for all, with greatly enhanced facilities to meet the diverse needs of Tidworth's residents. By partnering with Wiltshire Police, the Council has also managed to significantly spread the project's capital cost.

The project was predominately funded through borrowing over sixty years from the DMO/PWLB. The facility provides loans for capital projects to local authorities such as Town Councils and operates within a policy framework set by HM Treasury.

We have been involved with **TTC** since the project was conceived, and have provided project management support throughout the process, including conducting feasibility studies, writing the business case, coordinating surveys, appointing, and establishing the project team, implementing and overseeing cost management, and the planning and procurement of a main contractor. Further details of the scheme can be seen here: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z0000154mVqAAI/pl202103359>

The project is led by myself, Tim Goodman, Managing Director of **South West Project Management**. Based in Warminster, I am an accomplished Senior Project Manager with extensive UK and international experience gained over twenty-five years in the industry. In 2016 I established **SWPM** focusing on the delivery of projects across the South West region.

### **How SWPM can help you and your town council deliver a fully funded new civic project**

Crucially, through the 'levelling up' agenda and desire to devolve power to local government, there is substantial support at a central government level for civic building projects. We can provide advice for every stage of your project, tailoring our level of support from half a day to multiple days a month as appropriate for the project (for instance, we are currently providing Tidworth Town Council with 5 days of support a month).

Services we can provide include:

- ◆ Funding advice, application & support
- ◆ Partnering arrangements
- ◆ Risk management
- ◆ Site selection support
- ◆ Consenting & development constraints

- ◆ Site surveys
- ◆ Feasibility studies
- ◆ Business Case
- ◆ Programming
- ◆ Project team assembly
- ◆ Planning advice
- ◆ Project management & delivery

Recent civic projects managed by **SWPM** have included:

Bristol Airport Solar Farm – Bristol Airport ◆ Longleat House refurbishment – Warminster  
 ◆ Civils & landscaping infrastructure for a 5,000-unit housing development - Houghton Regis - £14M ◆ Car Rental Consolidation Centre - Bristol Airport - £6.4M ◆ The Vale Leisure Centre - Pewsey - £8.4M ◆ Oakfield Stadium - Melksham - £23M ◆ Nadder Leisure Centre - Tisbury - £12M ◆ Castledown Business Centre - Ludgershall - £1.3M ◆ Bitham Brook Primary School - Westbury - £1.6M ◆ Digital Mansion Corsham - Corsham - £2.5M Melksham Campus - Melksham - £14M ◆ Devizes Community Hub - Devizes - £340K ◆ Salisbury City Hall Refurbishment – Salisbury - £1.1M ◆ Melksham Cricket Club – Melksham - £320K ◆

Details of all our projects can be seen at [www.swestpm.com](http://www.swestpm.com)

**Find out more about how we can help your Town Council deliver a new civic project**

We are holding a presentation for Town Councils in the new Tidworth Civic Centre on Wednesday 6 December 2023 to show off the new facility and let you know how we managed the whole process. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will forward an invitation.

Kind regards,

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