

MINUTES of the meeting of the Hungerford 2036 Project Team held on Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 7.00pm in the RBFRS Community Room, Church St, Hungerford

Present: Clerk, John Downe (JD), Chris Scorey (CS), James McMahon (JM), Denise Gaines (DG), Mike Hall (MH)

1. **Note Apologies (1 min)** – Tony Drewer-Trump (TDT), Richard Hudson (RH)
2. **Agree last set of minutes of 26th June 2019, update on actions from last meeting, not included in the agenda - Clerk (1 min)** – *Denise proposed acceptance of the minutes which were agreed by all.*
Action: Redaction of survey comments remains outstanding. TDT and JD to do.
Action: Digital Map imagery has been obtained but needs piecing together. DG's husband to look at.
Action: JD to arrange visit to Oxford to self-build site in September.
3. **Consider any feedback or correspondence from:**
 - **Hungerford Town Council** – DG expressed concern of the low turn-out and engagement of Councillors at the recent Extra E&P.
 - **Members of the public** – Mr B attended a meeting with TDT to put forward his views.**Action:** DG will speak to Mrs B to invite her to a Full Council meeting.
4. **Consultations**
 - **Feedback from the John O Gaunt School** - JM met with D Holley at JOG School and School Council.
 - **Feedback from Primary School Fete/Bike Ride** - JD and TDT attended the Nursery school bike event on 5th July 1pm to 2.30pm.
A summary of both consultations has been recorded and circulated.

TDT, JD and Clerk met with all three District Councillors. The NDP process and H2036's progress so far was explained, and the district councillors are fully on board. James Cole attended the recent E&P meeting for the Bewley homes application and is supportive of HTC's views.
5. **Updated draft of 'The Dream for 2036'**
Action: TDT to circulate the second draft.
6. **Transport Modelling- Information from West Berks Council –Nothing to report**
7. **Method for developing Site Assessment Criteria** – We have received the first feedback from Chris Bowden on our draft site selection criteria. He has worked with PlanET and with JD previously. It was noted that he will not have the local knowledge that H2036 has and some of the items he has suggested removing will need to be kept as they are relevant to Hungerford. H2036 wish to retain the driving force behind the development of the criteria. CS advised most sites will have been previously assessed by WBC so there will be only a few we need to start from scratch. Hungerford will look to H2036 to steer the direction of development. At present we have only commissioned Chris Bowden to do Task 1 'Review the site assessment criteria'. Further grant funding can be obtained if needed from Locality to carry out other tasks. Task 2 (prepare site assessment matrix and populate with relevant HELAA info) can be carried out by H2036. Task 3 (undertake site visits) can perhaps be done by H2036 and Chris Bowden together. Task 4 (prepare assessment mapping) can be done by H2036. Task 5 (Complete site assessments) – WBC will have previously assessed most so this will cut down on the work significantly. H2036 will carry out the site assessments and Chris Bowden could then review them. Tasks 7&8 (prepare material for public event and attend and present at a public event) – This is useful for Chris Bowden to do as he is from outside the area with no local connections and good credentials.

WBC previously applied their own uniform density throughout the whole AONB. H2036 will ask developers what their proposal is for density with the intention of; obtaining a realistic view on the numbers of houses on each piece of land and not exceeding the housing target. Each site will be looked at individually before any cumulative consideration. It was agreed that we should keep the original

objectives in the Site Assessment Criteria and not deviate from these as they need to link back to the original aims and objectives document. Use of the words 'does' and 'would' is preferably to 'could' when phrasing the criteria.

On obtaining the list of sites from WBC in September, developers will be invited to answer certain questions about their site(s) at a public meeting. Comments from these will be considered and all deliverable sites will be assessed against H2036's criteria. Exhibition sessions will follow, and site assessments made.

Action: CS to wordsmith the document.

Action: JD to look at the criteria for item 9 on 'energy regeneration' and 'energy efficient building.'

Action: Clerk to check if WBC are carrying out any updates on the Landscape Sensitivity Assessment dated 2011 or on any similar documents e.g. Landscape Character.

8. Overall review of draft policy theme 8 (climate change) drawn up by PlanET - WBC should have relevant information to work from in their climate emergency plan. The content of the Zero Carbon document is largely aspirational. We could consider solar panels, underground heating and tree planting. We want to consider levels of efficiency but how do we support this with evidence?

Action: Revisit theme 8 after the other themes have been considered.

Action: Next theme to review 'Employment and Economy'. Clerk to invite Martin Crane/David Small from Chamber of Commerce to our next meeting.

9. Consultation on the West Berks draft revised Statement of Community Involvement – any feedback please by 23/8/19 – It was pointed out that NWD AONB are not included as one of the consultees on the list.

Action: Clerk to query this with Henry Oliver (NWD AONB)

Action: Add to the next agenda – The scoring theme and look at a third column to qualify the questions.

Meeting closed 8.55pm