

**Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team** held on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7pm, Croft Hall, Hungerford

**Present** – Chris Scorey, Tony Drewer-Trump (Co-chair), Cllr John Downe (Co-chair), Clerk, Cllr Richard Hudson, Cllr Claire Winser, Cllr Helen Simpson, Cllr Alistair Fyfe, Cllr Ellie Yakar-Wells

**1. Note apologies - Denise Gaines, Cllr Keith Carlson**

**2. Feedback from HTC Consultation re potential development sites**

A decision will need to be made at a Full Council meeting and is scheduled to be included on the June agenda.

**3. Post-consultation H2036 decisions: -**

**a. Project Team sites recommendation to June HTC meeting**

Reasons for including both preferred sites into the plan were discussed. The current demographic is an aging population which is forecast only to increase. (It was suggested that the census results being released this year may differ). H2036 wish to provide more affordable homes to enable younger families to buy and live in Hungerford. Younger people and families will boost employment and vibrancy within the town, and help the schools and nurseries pupil numbers. The two sites would allow the inclusion of recreational areas such as allotments and play parks.

One site with increased density may not allow for so many amenities. There are no offers from landowners for exception sites. Further detail can be found in previous minutes.

**ACTION:** Clerk to circulate previous minutes and ask all councillors to read in advance of June Full Council.

**b. Project Team recommendation re further NDP work and costs/benefits**

Having a NDP in place increases CIL received from 15% to 25%, which makes a significant difference in the money received by HTC for infrastructure improvements. H2036 had hoped to do a full NDP to include inspirations but without volunteers to take this forward it was suggested the best approach would be to outsource the writing of the plan to a professional as most of the information has been produced.

Our existing consultant can be approached but HTC will obtain alternative quotations for comparison due to the cost involved. There would need to be an editorial panel from HTC/H2036. Cllr Hudson and Chris Scorey offered to help. The NDP can be produced with a limited scope covering planning and site allocation.

The Town Plan information can be utilised. For the public consultation H2036 team are looking to produce an executive summary of the draft plan which will be delivered through resident's doors. It was noted that more than one final document will need to be submitted to the examiner for consideration. Public support will be determined by a referendum.

**c. Project Team Chair / leadership role?**

The co-chairs are stepping down after 4 years of hard work. Thanks were expressed to both. No volunteers were forthcoming to chair in their place. It is important the H2036 plan is completed so it was agreed the H2036 team will continue without a chair in order to complete the plan.

Meeting closed 7.50pm