

Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team held on Wednesday 19th July 2023, 7pm in the Library, Hungerford

Present – Cllr Richard Hudson (RH), Chris Scorey (CS), Cllr Jerry Keates (KC), Cllr Keith Carlson (KC), Cllr Helen Simpson (HS) and Town Clerk (TC)

1. **Note apologies** –, Steve Bickell (SB), Cllr Claire Winser (CW), Cllr Alistair Fyfe (AF), James Cole (JC) John Ryder (JR), and Denise Gaines (DG)
2. **Agree minutes of 21st June 2023** – JK proposed the minutes, seconded by KC. 1 abstention. CS queried action 5 of the last minutes which is still contrary to published docs. He will forward evidence. RH was thanked for all his work on the draft plan.
3. **Progress on site assessments** –
ACTION: RH to speak to our consultant to agree an appropriate letter to send landowners where clarification is needed over density/number of houses or to confirm if they are still wishing for their site to be included.
4. **Discuss Draft Plan**
It was agreed to leave any consideration of changes to the H2036 logo and date for now and review at the point of referendum.
ACTION: CS to provide access to a new collection of photos from Town & Manor that we could consider using in our plan.
Another option is to ask the Camera Club to take some photos if we still require some.
ACTION: Whilst the plan refers to the number of residents, we need to include the number of households.
ACTION: A possibility is the inclusion of a policy on solar panels and UPVC. This will determine how improvements for the environment are considered in planning in a conservation area. Add this to the E&P agenda for their view.
Although we are not having a design code, we may wish to include a few points and look at examples from other locations.
WBC has advised that there is no date set to review the employment areas. This is a constant process and changes to it would either be through the Local Plan Review or through a planning application. H2036 does not wish to go down the route of finding a new employment area which would involve consultation.
We will include reference to the difficulty of access to Park Street by HGVs. Businesses can't control the size of delivery lorries.
Some enterprise units are already available in rural areas. It would be an advantage to have them in the town centre. Where is the evidence for demand?
ACTION: RH to add a few locations to the traffic map he has produced including Herongate, Tennis & Bowls Club. Canal corridor facilities/watersports should be included.
ACTION: Include the following greens: Atherton Crescent, Lancaster Park, Canal Wharf and land adjacent to Smitham Bridge.
ACTION: RH to send all the amendments discussed to our consultant.
ACTION: TC to print clean colour copy of draft plan for CS and HS for the next meeting.
5. **Review the timeline** – We will be aiming for a public consultation in September.
6. **Availability of grant** – The Locality funding for this financial year is still not available on the website. (*since meeting this is now available*)
7. **Any other correspondence** – We may wish to consider a new website for the consultation and plans. A recommendation was circulated.
8. **Next meeting date -Wed 20th Sept 2023, 7pm. The Hub.**

Meeting finished at 8.52pm