

Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7pm in the Library, Hungerford

Present – Chris Scorey (CS), Cllr John Downe (JD) (Co-chair), Town Clerk, Denise Gaines, Cllr Richard Hudson and Cllr Helen Simpson

1. **Note apologies** – Tony Drewer-Trump and Cllrs Yakar-Wells, Winser and Mills
2. **Review actions from minutes of 26th January 2022, update on actions from last meeting, not included in the agenda** – Minutes were agreed. Cllr Mills has written a summary of the recent consultation for presentation to the public. Chris Bowden has checked the area of HUN14. The density is approx. 20 dwellings per hectare providing 60 dwellings on that site. West Berks Council has provided info on environmental standards. The Home Quality Mark approach is being dropped. NDP examinations will rule out standards not justified. New building regs for England will come in this June. Regulations meaning the installation of gas boilers will be avoided are planned to be introduced in 2025.
3. **Potential Housing Sites – continuing evaluation of optimum approach**

In the emerging WBC local plan there are market and affordable home size distributions which if carried forward to the new Local Plan would be applied in Hungerford. The likely impact of that distribution was discussed.

Further discussions took place re advantages and disadvantages of alternative approaches to delivering the housing requirement over the NDP plan period

ACTION: JD to ask WBC re their Local Plan intentions on dwelling size distributions and development densities

ACTION: H2036 to conclude a preferred option, whilst considering professional advice. It was agreed to collate supporting reasons from all H2036 members to present to HTC for their support/agreement.

It is important to obtain support at public consultation. The draft NDP is likely to be challenged by interested parties and could be amended by the Inspector, prior to referendum.

4. **Sites Public Consultation report** – Not discussed
5. **Completing the NDP timing, method and funding** – Not discussed
6. **Town Centre Planning** – Not discussed

Next Meeting Date TBC

Meeting ended 8.35pm