

Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team held on Thursday 11th February 2021 virtually on Zoom at 7.00pm

Present – Chris Scorey, Tony Drewer-Trump, Cllr John Downe, Steve Bickell, Chris Bowden, Clerk, Cllr Richard Hudson

1. **Note apologies** - Cllr Ellie Yakar-Wells. Denise Gaines
2. **Review actions from minutes of 28th January 2021, update on actions from last meeting, not included in the agenda** – Bewley/JOG entrance hasn't yet been agreed but for the moment it was agreed to assume it has.
3. **Note Town Council agreement to continued consultant involvement in the current exercise** – This was noted. 10 hours has been agreed.
4. **Housing Site Assessments** –
 - a) **Continue Site Promoters feedback and consultant assessments** - The meeting focused on a comparison of 4 sites to ensure consistency has been applied to all. Particularly, distance from the town centre and availability of public transport were scrutinized.
 - b) **Update on HUN4** – Some members met with Sovereign and WBC to hear their plans for this site which includes 8 new affordable shared ownership dwellings to replace the derelict care homes. Comments were made on the design, tenure and environments standards preferred. Sovereign advised the tenure is to be shared membership but not on a discounted scheme.
5. **Further Site follow-up clarifications** –

ACTION: Contact Site Promoters with our comments on their feedback. Highlight issues we would like them to mitigate and request their response on how they might do that. Provide each site promotor with equal time to make these modifications which will be presented to the public.

ACTION: Impact on the environment is a main consideration for mitigation for most of the site promoters. Ask what else they can put forward that would support our objectives and draw their attention to the Draft Local Plan and the number off 55 dwellings allocated to Hungerford

ACTION: In particular, it was noted we can't accept the bundling that has been offered for sites HUN8-10.

It was agreed members of public should be presented with each site for their feedback and then H2036 will formulate a solution that meets the housing demand. It is the intention that a further housing consultation will get a consensus around an option.

The previous proposal of pepper potting development has become more difficult with promotor's sites offering larger numbers and the smaller sites withdrawing or not being included as deemed as previously approved developments. We wish to be careful not to overshoot the number of houses needed but 55 houses is a minimum and that will be pointed out to the public. It is good to have a buffer in case sites are withdrawn which is possible over a plan period of 15 years.
6. **Public Consultation on Sites – Timing and Method** – Ahead of the consultation discussed above it was agreed we should provide an update now to the public on our progress with the NDP. The Town Clerk has received requests for updates from a member of the public.

ACTION: Circulate a written update to the email contact list and place an update on our website. Consider including an article in local newsletters/press.
7. **Next Meeting Date**
Meeting closed 8.41pm