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Help shape a vision for Hungerford until 2036

Project team wants input from the community

A NEW project to shape the future of Hungerford for the next 18 years has been launched.

Hungerford 2036 aims to "guide the way our town and its surrounding area will evolve".

The Hungerford 2036 project team aims to "identify how Hungerford wishes to develop over the next 20 years and document this vision in a Neighbourhood Development Plan" which will:

- Conserve and enhance the town and countryside.
- Identify and address challenges facing the area now and in the future.
- Ensure the town and its surrounding area is a thriving, attractive and welcoming place to live, work and visit.

The initiative is being spearheaded by Hungerford town councillor John Downe, who said: "Hungerford 2036 will demand a lot of work from us all and will keep the project team busy for at least the next two years.

"Everyone will be kept informed throughout this time and will be encouraged to contribute their ideas and opinions at various stages."

He added: "Engagement and help from residents living or working in all parts of the town and its surroundings

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is vital to the success of the project.

"Contributions will be welcomed from the entire community, from all backgrounds and age groups."

An online domain name, Hungerford 2036, has already been registered and will be online later this summer.

Once the plan is ready, a local referendum will be held. More than half of those who vote must choose 'yes' for the plan to go ahead.

Mr Downe said: "If all goes well, the plan would then become part of the planning framework for our area.

"This means it must be used by the local planning authority [West Berkshire Council] when making decisions.

"The plan will also provide a clear summary of the community's aspirations and priorities to guide the town council and other organisations' decisions."

Mr Downe said the project team would welcome volunteers and suggestions, as well as comments and questions.

If you would like to follow and be kept informed about progress on the project, email the town clerk at claire.barnes@hungerford-TC.gov.uk



Erin, two, on the JOG Colour Mile run

Run where? Over the rainbow

NEARLY 200 people took part in the JOG Colour Mile on Saturday.

Runners were doused with coloured paint along the route, making it an

amazing rainbow spectacle.

Money raised will go to

O'Gaunt School's music dept.

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