

Hungerford 2036 – Neighbourhood Development Plan

Project Report No 1 to Hungerford Town Council

For Full Council Meeting 3rd September 2018

Meetings Held

Project Team meetings continue to be held every three weeks (or thereabouts).

A very constructive meeting with Laila Bassett (WBC liaison) was held on 31st July. Key updates from WBC were:

- HELAA to be published in draft in this autumn with consultation due from 5th Nov to 17th Dec. Consultation on detailed HELAA due summer 2019.
- Employment Land Marketing Appraisal and Capacity Assessment is due this autumn.
- WBC undertaking a new transport study which will provide much greater detail for Hungerford than previous model.

First Co-ordination and Consultation Forum with full Council yet to be programmed.

Resources

An initial government grant application for £5,546 to cover the majority of project costs up to 31st March 2019 has been successful. There is the potential for future applications up to a total value of £17,000.

The allocation of £5,000 provided by the Council (of which circa £4,200 remains) will now be used to fund expenses excluded from government grant funding; principally staff costs.

Planet will be formally engaged as guiding mind consultants w/c 3rd Sept.

Deliverables (latest version 8 of Programme is attached)

In the last two months the Project has:

- Produced, publicised and issued an Initial Survey.
- Established a risk register and a budget through to 31st March 2019.
- Reviewed consultancy market and recommended the appointment of Planet as guiding mind.
- Applied for and obtained £5,546 of government grant.
- Developed first draft community engagement proposals for review at next Project meeting on 6th Sept.
- The Survey produced 550 responses of which 330 were in hard copy with a lot of free text comments which have proved time consuming to decipher and record in the system. Full results are due for review at the next Project meeting on 6th Sept.

Project Needs from the Council

- Approval to revised Terms of Reference
- Date for joint NDP training session; time and duration.
- Date for first Co-ordination and Consultation Forum.
- Being kept up to date on all Council land use initiatives to avoid duplication of effort.

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