

Hungerford 2036 – Neighbourhood Development Plan

Project Report No 4 to Hungerford Town Council

For Full Council Meeting 26th November 2018

Meetings

Project Team (PT) meeting was held on 8th November, attended by Planet Consultants. Planet advised that the July Survey, plus the feedback from the previous Town Plan consultations, together form a solid basis on which to start drafting the Aims and Objectives which will eventually form the heart of Hungerford’s Development Plan.

Main Work Activities

Drafting the Aims and Objectives.

Reviewing WBC’s Local Plan which is out for consultation until 21st December.

Engagement with Hungerford Community

The next, collaborative, stage of consultation is underway. The two individuals who submitted detailed proposals as part of their feedback in the July Survey (one offering a broad range of ideas, the other ideas specifically relating to dementia), will be approached to take part.

A number of local estate agents have been consulted and further extensive consultation with social groups and businesses is planned for the post Xmas calm of January/February. Consultation will be focussed around the proposed Aims and Objectives currently being drafted to test their accuracy, adequacy and level of support.

Communication

The H2036 web site is updated regularly with reports to HTC and minutes of meetings.

The email contact list has 77 subscribers and were last circulated with Survey results on 19th November.

The Penny Post page on H2036 was last updated on November 6th and can be found at <http://pennypost.org.uk/2018/05/hungerford-2036-shaping-future/>

Resources

	HTC Budget	Government Grant	
		Won	Still Available
Allocated	£5,000.00	£5,546.00	£11,454.00
Spent to Date	£2,946.95	£762.00	n/a
Remaining	£2,053.05	£4,784.00	n/a

It is anticipated that grant allocation will fund all future expenditure other than staff costs (which are specifically excluded from government grant funding). Further grant funds can be applied for from April 2019.

We are looking to supplement the project team with “temporary” recruits to help with the next round of consultations.



Community Led – Public - Transparent - Reasoned

Deliverables

We have taken advantage of the free (ie government funded) consultancy available from AECOM to commission a housing needs assessment, with particular emphasis on the current housing mix (size, type and tenure) against the needs of the population as it's demographic changes towards 2036.

This work, which goes to a level of detail below that provided by WBC, should offer us a useful gap analysis of housing types and tenures to start to shape our early thinking. But it must be remembered WBC's (reasoned) figure for total dwelling increase will be the minimum that Hungerford will have to adopt, once they become available (anticipated Spring 2019). Hence AECOM's numbers will need to be treated with caution and some degree of discretion so as to avoid unnecessary confusion.

Information Requested from Hungerford Town Council

Please advise if you wish our comments on the Local Plan to be submitted to WBC through yourselves.

Submitted by H2036 Joint Chairs - Geoff Greenland and Tony Drewer- Trump