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Hungerford 2036 – Neighbourhood Development Plan

Project Report No 6 to Hungerford Town Council

For Full Council Meeting 4th February 2019

Meetings

Project Team (PT) meetings were held on 2nd January and 29th January. Joint / Consultation meeting held with HTC on 21st January.

Main Work Activities

Aims and Objectives have been completed for All NP Themes. Following the HTC joint meeting and the feedback from the Planet consultancy the PT considered all the suggestions and inputs and either made changes to the draft, noted them for possible future action or concluded that the suggestions were not within the scope of the H2036 project.

The full set of Aims and Objectives, together with the Vision statement will be prefaced with a brief introduction to establish context. See the draft introduction at the end of the report.

Engagement with Hungerford Community

The next, collaborative, stage of consultation is underway and will continue through to the spring.

Consultation will be centered around the draft Aims and Objectives to test their accuracy, adequacy and level of support.

Any unregistered Assets of Community Value will be identified along with any Local Green Spaces that need protection from development.

Communication

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

The email contact list has 78 subscribers.

The Penny Post page on H2036 was last updated on 7th January

<http://pennypost.org.uk/2018/05/hungerford-2036-shaping-future/>. The Aims and Objectives will shortly be published there and through other channels.

Resources

	HTC Budget	Government Grant	
		Won	Still Available
Allocated	£5,000.00	£5,546.00	£11,454.00
Spent to Date	£2,946.95	£1,012.00	n/a
Remaining	£2,053.05	£4,534.00	n/a



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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.

After helping to shape the initial stages of H2036 and becoming joint Chair in 2018 Geoff Greenland will be moving to Salisbury in the next couple of months. We would like to thank him for his contributions to the project and give him and Jill our very best wishes for their move and life there. John Downe has been invited by the project team Drewer-Trump, to replace Geoff as joint project chair with Tony

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. We await their full report.

Information / Action Requested from Hungerford Town Council

The Project Team would like to thank HTC for the Councillor's active engagement in the discussions on 21st January.

The Project Team request that HTC confirm that they ratify the revised joint chair arrangement.

Submitted by H2036 Joint Chair - Tony Drewer-Trump and nominated Joint Chair John Downe

See attachment – Vision, Aims and Objectives Introduction for the consultation process



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Vision, Aims and Objectives Introduction

The draft vision, aims and objectives of the Hungerford 2036 Neighbourhood Plan are summarised below. They are based on the results of the community survey in July 2018, the Hungerford Town Plan (2013) and additional research by the project team. Feedback will now be sought through the widest possible public consultation with the local community to make sure that their views are accurately represented. This feedback will then be used to revise and add further detail to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

The views expressed so far give the opinions of local residents on a wide range of issues which are important to them. Some of these will emerge as policies which have legal standing once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, for example, selection of sites for future housing development. Others cannot be directly addressed through the Plan but the clear backing of the community on these issues will guide the actions and spending priorities of the Town Council. With a Neighbourhood Plan in place, the funds available for such priority issues will be boosted by the town receiving 25% of the levy paid by new building developments in Hungerford, rather than 15% at present.