

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report

Report to:

Full Council meeting 2nd September 2019

Agenda Item No 6:

Report from Hungerford 2036

Current Activities

The H2036 Project Team's recent focus has been on two main areas:-

1. Developing and refining housing site assessment criteria specific to Hungerford based on the inputs from the 2018 survey, previous town plan research and other data sources.
2. Working through the draft policy ideas produced by Plan-et against each of the H2036 Aims and Objectives themes – so far we have looked at the Housing theme, Climate change (awaiting more progress by WBC on this topic in their local plan update) and Employment and Economy where we have involved the CoC to solicit input from the business community.

Important News

We have been informed that WBC now plan to publish the HELAA (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) in October (was September and previously earlier) which will cover all housing and economic land sites which have been submitted to their Call for Sites process. The publication is expected to include WBC's initial site assessments covering Suitability, Availability, Achievability, WBC have suggested that they expect to be able to give guidance on dwellings numbers by the end of the year – this is dependent on central government progress.

In order to prepare ourselves for the WBC information release, the project team have developed a set of site selection criteria which will be the basis for the identification of the town's preferred and later allocated development sites within the Neighbourhood Plan. These criteria have been informed by the H2036 research as well as previous consultations and we plan to publish them in advance of the HELAA release. The H2036 PT will be reviewing this work with HTC and would wish to receive their consultation input later in September prior to final publication of the criteria..

After the HELAA release the H2036 project team will lead the process for examining site details, gathering public consultation input and assessing sites against the Town's criteria. The activity will be supported by a planning professional through Plan-et consultancy.

Signed: John Downe, Joint Chair H2036
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