

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report

Report to:

Full Council meeting 7th October 2019

Agenda Item No 6:

Report from Hungerford 2036

Current Activities

The H2036 Project Team's primary focus in the past month has been on refining the housing site assessment criteria specific to Hungerford.

The joint chairmen attended a briefing day run by Cherwell District Council on the innovative housing projects in Bicester and a Community Housing education session in Reading.

Important News

We have been informed that due to workload WBC now plan to publish the HELAA (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) which will cover all housing and economic land sites which have been submitted to their Call for Sites process. The publication will include WBC's initial site assessments covering Suitability, Availability, Achievability but will not express any preferences or priorities between sites - that will be a task for the Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan.

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, potentially, 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.

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.

Next steps

At the November full council the Hungerford 2036 Project Team will be seeking ratification by the Town Council of the housing site assessment criteria so that they can be made public in readiness for the HELAA publication.

Signed: John Downe, Joint Chair H2036
6/10/2019