

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report

Report to: Full Council 2nd March 2020

Agenda Item No 8: Hungerford 2036 Project – Approval to contract for consulting services

Background The Hungerford 2036 Project Team is in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Hungerford Parish as approved by HTC in 2018. A very important element within the plan which is of huge local interest will be determining preferences on potential sites for development within and around the town. Given the level of local interest and the external scrutiny decisions on this will receive, the H2036 Project Team agreed on 20/2/2020 that they wish to engage an experienced Planning consultant with extensive Neighbourhood Plan knowledge to help them.

Objective As part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan HTC wish to ensure that conclusions reached on development site preferences and subsequent potential site allocations in the final NDP are objectively and robustly assessed.

Reference to Action Plan Development of Neighbourhood Development Plan (High)

Options (including quotations) 1. Engage Navigus Consulting as per their quote of £2950. 2. Look for alternative providers of similar services. 3. Carry out the work without external professional assistance

Available budget (£s) including cost centre The funds for engaging external help for this activity are available from HTC allocations and external grants already received by HTC

Health & Safety and Legal implications None

Consultation:

If there was any, who was consulted, response and any actions taken in response

Other information

Navigus operate in association with Plan-Et consultants who we have used previously

Recommendation(s)

Proceed with contracting with Navigus for this work asap

Signed: John Downe, 24/2/2020