

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report

Report to:

Full Council meeting 4th May 2020.

Agenda Item No 9:

Report from Hungerford 2036

Current Activities

Following the HELAA publication by WBC the H2036 project team has asked all site promoters to respond with further information. Initially this was requested by end April but then extended to end May due to the Covid-19 events. The promoters have been asked:-

1. How their site(s) will help achieve the Hungerford 2036 Neighbourhood Plan Objectives and
2. How the site(s) meet the H2036 Site Assessment Criteria
3. If they have an outline master plan for their site(s) including proposed access.

We have requested (and they have agreed) that WBC conduct HELAA-type assessments of the additional sites North of the A4 submitted after the HELAA publication – now known as HUNNDP A/B/C. Given Covid-19 we are enquiring when this will happen.

We had anticipated starting work with the external consultant on the site assessment work with a sites visit on 1st April but this was deferred until lockdown conditions allow.

WBC Local Plan to 2036 Progress

WBC have published a revised timetable for their 2036 Local Plan Review during April

This will mean that the H2036 Plan is unlikely to be able to be completed before the end of 2021 or later.

As far as we are aware there is still no firm guidance from central government on housing numbers for West Berkshire and as a result no information for WB Neighbourhood Plan groups.

Signed: John Downe, Joint Chair H2036, 30/4/2020