

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report to: Full Council meeting July 2021.

Agenda Item No: FC202100123

Current Activities

Two public consultations on the 4 potential sites for new homes have taken place in the last week in the Corn Exchange. We estimate that 100 people attended during the consultations and engaged positively in seeking clarifications on the Neighbourhood Plan and the sites being considered. A few completed consultation comments forms were submitted but most people said that they would record their input on the Hungerford2036.info website.

The H2036 website includes all of the materials exhibited at the public sessions and has an interactive consultation response facility for each of the sites.

We anticipate leaving the consultation open through July and August and will be looking for further physical consultation opportunities around the town after 19/7/2021 when C-19 restrictions are expected to be changed. The H2036 Team would welcome suggestions for groups and locations which would be suitable and worthwhile for further sessions.

An additional site (HUN18 on Marsh Lane) was put forward late in the site assessment process. Our consultant has reviewed it and it is currently being assessed by West Berkshire Council as part of an update of their HELAA. They plan to publish the updated HELAA once complete. We understand that the WBC Planning Policy team have long-outstanding requests for input from WBC Highways on additional sites which has caused some delay.

The H2036 Team would ask that all councilors use whatever local contacts they have to encourage as many residents as possible to review the potential housing sites and provide any comments and insights through the website.

Signed: John Downe, Joint Chair H2036, 5/7/2021