

Update on Hungerford 2036 Neighbourhood Plan

31/01/23

There has been some good progress that in summary includes:

- Call for sites ended on Dec 31st and we had 6 submissions. These ranged in size and location, both within and outside the existing settlement boundary. These new sites will now be assessed in a similar way to the previous sites to ensure consistency of assessment.
- Tendered for a planning consultant to assist the team on writing and progressing the Plan. We went out to 5 consultants and only had 2 full responses. Navigus, with Chris Bowden who had been assisting us before was the preferred bidder.
- The draft plan is being draft by Navigus.
- We need to comment on the Draft West Berkshire Local Plan. It still has 55 dwellings for Hungerford.
- The West Berks Plan is to 2039, so we may need to extend ours to that date...Hungerford 2039?
- There has been a few changes to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. John Downe has left and the Committee express a huge thank you to him for all the work he has done to date. Jon Shatford has stepped down as joint chair due to other commitments. Richard Hudson has agreed to become joint chair with Denise Gaines.
- A draft programme has been produced as shown below. It may well be optimistic but it remains our target and is on schedule at the moment.

Neighbourhood Plan Programme								DRAFT				31/01/2023											
				2022		2023												2024					
Ref:	Activity	No of Weeks	Start date	End date	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
			(Mondays)	(Fridays)																			
1	Call for sites	6 weeks	15/11/22	31/12/22																			
2	Evaluation of sites	4 weeks	06/02/23	03/03/23																			
2B	Consultation on new sites (necessary?)	4 weeks	06/03/23	31/03/23																			
3	Agree tender for consultant planners	2 weeks	23/11/22	09/12/22																			
4	Tender consultants for next stages	4 weeks	12/12/22	06/01/23																			
5	Evaluate tenders and appoint	2 weeks	09/01/23	20/01/23																			
6	Prepare Draft NP	8 weeks	23/01/23	17/03/23																			
7	Review by Cttee & Council	4 weeks	20/03/23	14/04/23																			
8	Publish Draft for Consultation	6 weeks	17/04/23	26/05/23																			
9	Update following consultation	3 weeks	29/05/23	16/06/23																			
10	Submit to WBC	4 weeks	19/06/23	14/07/23																			
11	Finalise and prepare for Examination	8 weeks	17/07/23	08/09/23																			
12	Examination	1 week	11/09/23	15/09/23																			
13	Inspectors Report	8 weeks	18/09/23	10/11/23																			
14	Mofications	4 weeks	13/11/23	08/12/23																			
15	Prepare and carry out Referendum	6 weeks	11/12/23	19/01/24																			
16	NP comes into force	2 weeks	22/01/24	02/02/24																			

Richard Hudson