

March 2023 Update on Hungerford 2036 Neighbourhood Plan

02/03/23

There has been some progress that in summary includes:

- The new sites, from the call for sites ending 31st Dec 2022, are now being assessed in a similar way to the previous sites to ensure consistency of assessment. Being carried out by Navigus who have completed the first stage. Now we are awaiting for submission to and consultation from parties such as WBC highways & flooding, Thames Water etc. Mapping is being organized to show the sites accurately before sending to the consultees.
- Drafting of the plan is underway by Navigus, which we expect to be ready by the end of March. This is 1 week before the next meeting in early April.
- We are producing some comments on the Draft West Berkshire Local Plan. It still has 55 dwellings for Hungerford with extra protection for the AONB, so we are generally supportive of the Draft Plan.
- An updated programme has been produced as shown below. It's a bit optimistic but it remains our target and is on schedule at the moment.

Neighbourhood Plan Programme				DRAFT								22/02/2023											
				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																			

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