

Hungerford Town Council

Public Report

Report to:

Full Council meeting 1st July 2019

Agenda Item No 6:

Report from Hungerford 2036

Current Activities

The H2036 Project Team is currently seeking consultation input from local organisations and individuals on the plan draft Aims and Objectives. During June H2036 had a stand at the St Lawrence's Church Fete and the event at the Youth and Community Centre. Some useful feedback and interest in further involvement was shown from families with young children. Further consultation and discussion opportunities are in plan for the coming month including with the faith communities and the nursery, primary and secondary schools..

The H2036 Project Team has started working through the draft policy suggestions derived from the H2036 Aims and Objectives by Plan-ET consulting, starting with the Housing theme. This work will continue on other themes in future meetings.

We are arranging a briefing in July for the new District Councillors to explain what we are doing and hopefully enlist their support as and when we might need it.

Important News

We have been informed that in early September WBC will publish the HELAA (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) which will cover all housing and economic land sites which have been submitted to their Call for Sites process. The publication is expected to include WBC's initial site assessments covering Suitability, Availability, Achievability, We also expect the latest guidance emanating from central government and passing through WBC on dwellings numbers.

In order to prepare ourselves for the WBC information release, the project team are developing a set of site selection criteria which will in due course be the basis for the identification of the town's preferred and later allocated development sites in the Neighbourhood Plan. These criteria will be informed by the H2036 research as well as previous consultations and we plan to publish them in advance of the HELAA release.

After the HELAA release the H2036 project team will lead the process for examining site details, gathering public consultation input and assessing sites against the Town's criteria.

The project team is researching options and costs for some in-depth professional support during this key and potentially controversial stage of the H2036 project. We anticipate a cost in the order of £500-£1000 during the next 2 months for which agreement in principle is sought. NB H2036 budget update to follow at the Full Council meeting.

Signed: John Downe, Joint Chair H2036
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