

Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team held on Tuesday 25th May 2021 virtually on Zoom at 10.30am

Present – Chris Scorey, Tony Drewer-Trump (Co-chair), Cllr John Downe (JD) (Co-chair), Town Clerk, Cllr Helen Simpson (Mayor), Chris Bowden (Navigus Planning), Mark Pettitt (MP), Callan Powers (CP), Samantha Ross

Apologies: Denise Gaines, Steve Bickell, Cllr Claire Winser

The Clerk advised the meeting was being recorded. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a presentation on HUN15.

Introductions took place. Mark Pettitt is the senior planner at Fowlers and works with Callan Powers also from Fowlers who are both promoting the site. Samantha Ross is the project manager for a wider estate for the client.

CP advised their landscape appraisal is not currently available, so they have no images to share. He commented that there is a need for greenfield land to be used in Hungerford to meet the housing numbers. They are flexible and could look at a smaller site but see the whole site as developable. They are also flexible on how housing and open space is delivered. The site is smaller than the 6 hectares marked. The belt of trees (the natural buffer) would be retained.

JD asked when the landscape appraisal will be available. CP advised they expected to have it last week and it is imminent.

MP said the site is flexible and versatile. They are conscious that you would see the higher parts of the site from the Common. They would consider single storey buildings and green roofs.

JD advised we are keen for definitive statements and how they would propose to mitigate issues. It was confirmed all site owners have been asked for input.

H2036 will wish to present to the public, benefits and opportunities and any issues with mitigation measures. It was explained the purpose of the process is to filter out sites that didn't meet the objectives of the plan and weren't sustainable. Public consultation is planned for the end of June. It was added that the population of Hungerford is knowledgeable about the site and there would be an expectation from the public to learn what has changed since previous rounds of local planning.

It was decided to reschedule the meeting once the landscape report is available.

Meeting closed 11am.