



# Whitehill and Bordon Delivery and Implementation Group

Notes and actions – 18 October 2022

Attendees		Apologies		Abbreviations
Clare Chester - Chair	EHDC	Fiona McMurray	EM3	EHDC – East Hampshire District Council EM3 – Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership DIO – Defence Infrastructure Organisation HCC – Hampshire County Council WBRC – Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company WTC – Whitehill Town Council
Bob Wallbridge	HCC	Claire Burnett	Homes England	
Chris Knott	WBRC	Kevin Travers	EM3LEP	
Danielle Friedman-Brown	EHDC	Lydia Forbes Manson	EHDC	
David Wilson	HCC	Richard Kenny	HCC	
Emma Meredith	HCC	Robert Smith	DIO	
James Child	WBRC			
Julie McLatch	EHDC			
Lorraine Jeffs	WTC			
Ralph Facey	Abri			
Vanessa Marden	DIO			
Will Parsons	EHDC			

Ref	Item	Notes/Action	Owner
1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Actions from last meeting</b>	Introduction and welcome to Julie McLatch and Will Parsons. Outstanding actions will be reported to next DIG minutes if relevant – <i>subsequently, no outstanding actions noted.</i>	
2.	<b>Town Centre update</b>	<p><u>Town centre</u> - civil works are ongoing on site.</p> <p><u>Sergeant Mess</u> – started soft strip of site, will retain façade of building</p> <p><u>Morrisons</u> – contractual agreement with Morrisons for handover by end of next year, for food store to open at Easter 2024</p> <p><u>Housebuilding</u> – build out rate is expected to slow down due to rising cost of living, higher mortgage rates and end of Help to Buy.</p> <p>The national average build-out rate is 0.7-0.8 house / week. Drop expected to be almost half of this rate over the next 2 years.</p>	



Barratts Homes has already reported 47% drop in sale.  
W&B absorption rate is good but anticipated to drop regardless.  
Build out rate to be shared with the Education providers in town.

Residential Blocks A and B – assess how mortgage market will settle first before going ahead with build.  
WBRC's focus is on non-residential until the market settles.

Health Hub – Southern Health Board meets at end of the month, when they will raise the move to the new premises; local GPs have already confirmed that they will be moving to the new Health Hub

- Heads of Terms being finalised.
- Footprint and room location to be confirmed – front of the house space remains the same
- Meeting on 2 November with all the operators to confirm the brief with the architects.
- Planning application should be submitted by March 2023.
- CCG visiting W&B on 9 November – significant for move to the town centre
- Transport – looking at linking the different parts of the town so that people can access the new Health Hub without issues
- Communications – Will has already been meeting with CCG; to get further update
- DIO to respond to Kate Hillerby's email

CCG representatives to be invited again to the next DIG (February 2023) to update on Health Hub.

DIO commented that their main priorities are the progress and completion of the town centre and resolving the asset wide management issues.

WBRC commented that they would welcome engagement with Homes England regarding the residential build.

Homes England was not able to attend the DIG but needs to be kept updated and engaged.

WTC commented that the main comments from W&B residents centre around the opening date of Morrisons.



		<p><b>Action:</b> Health Hub – Will P / Kate Hillerby to provide Comms update from CCG regarding the move to the town centre</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Build out rate to be shared with Education operators in town (BHP)</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Invite CCG to DIG meeting in February 2023 (BHP)</p>	
3.	<b>Employment Group update</b>	<p>Julie McLatch is now the Chair of the DIG Employment Group. The next meeting on 6 December will focus on the way forward.</p> <p><b>Priority 1 – New Jobs target</b> Liaising with developer and enterprise sites to gather employment data for DIG updates, including construction Employment and Skills Plans. <i>Subsequently – 729 new jobs reported</i></p> <p><b>Priority 2 – Employment sites</b> Monitoring employment sites across the town including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Asmodée which will open by Spring 2023</li><li>- Investment Zone – application submitted by Hampshire County Council (<i>subsequently, current IZ programme has been closed following the November budget</i>)</li><li>- Longmoor Depot – will bring town more employment more quickly than other sites; planning application submitted</li><li>- EM3 is looking at business rates forecasting across the employment zones</li></ul> <p><b>Priority 3 – Business support</b> <u>Research work</u> - deep dive into businesses across East Hants to identify what support can be provided.</p> <p><b>Priority 4 – Skills and Employability</b> <u>Career Fair</u> – held on Monday 10 October at the FSC Numerous stall holders but reduced footfall. FSC car park was busy and potential visitors were noticed driving away However, 2 new jobs were applied for on the day.</p>	



Event in April held at The Shed was better attended. If future events are to be held at the FSC, need to ensure that visitors can get there.

**Aims and ambitions of DIG Employment Group** – discussion and agreement

- Strategic micro-update to the DIG
- Job targets reviewed and monitored – help achieve delivery of the job targets
  - o Tracking job numbers, but also quality, sectors, employment density, underused sites
- Engagement with Investment Zone
  - o EHDC/HCC joint Expression of Interest submitted for Daedalus and W&B
  - o Investment zone is a priority for the Employment Group (*subsequently, current IZ programme closed in November budget*)
- Policy priorities
  - o 3 sites: Asmodée, Longmoor Depot, Investment zone sites
  - o Approximately 1M sq ft of employment space available in the next 3 years
  - o Focus also needs to be on quality of employment offer to attract investors.

WBRC commented that they have received a lot of enquiries regarding employment sites and they need to respond before Christmas otherwise the companies will look elsewhere. WBRC suggested that the next DIG Employment Group meeting meet early November instead of December to progress the work on the employment sites and to develop a strategic brief to focus on priorities.

**ACTION:** Consider DIG Employment Group to be rescheduled in early November instead of December – JMcl / BHP *Post meeting note: mtg took place in Dec*

**ACTION:** CC, DFB and JMcl to meet separately to discuss Employment Strategy and the policy priorities – BHP



4.	<b>Communications</b>	<p>Will Parsons updated the DIG.</p> <p>Communications Strategy is being developed and will be shared with DIG members when finalised, by email or at the next DIG meeting.</p> <p>Members requested that the following items needed to be included in the Comms Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key milestones, ie consultations, engagement, Health Hub, Morrisons, Asmodée</li><li>- Employment sites coming forward including Louisburg North, Tech Forest</li><li>- Local transport provision, including Hopper</li><li>- Celebratory event on 12 January</li><li>- Long-term milestones<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Ministerial visit to Bordon in 2023 (date to be confirmed)</li><li>o Education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bordon Infant and Junior school expansion - 2025</li><li>▪ Oakmoor expansion – 2025</li><li>▪ Consultation process – 2023</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> update the Communications Strategy and send to DG members – WP / BHP</p>	
5.	<b>Lessons Learnt and Delivery Plan</b>	<p><b>W&amp;B Economic Review – Lessons Learnt</b> Executive Summary finalised and will be published on the W&amp;B website. The report is being finalised.</p> <p><b>Delivery Plan</b> Delivery Plan amended following last DIG. Further discussion during the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- “Education” instead of “Key Sites” and include Oakmoor expansion (2025)</li><li>- “Long-term asset management” to be broken down between Green spaces, Blue spaces and Highways</li><li>- Heart of Town – add Public Realm</li></ul>	



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Governance section to be moved to top of the Delivery Plan</li><li>- Community Engagement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o New War Memorial to be added</li><li>o Abri launched the Community Pantry with support from EHDC and HCC; also opened The Room, the new Community Hub at Chieftain, which has been popular</li><li>o Community Trust – meeting on 18 Oct to review focus and way forward – update to be provided at the next DIG</li><li>o Domestic retrofit programme launched at the beginning of October by EHDC</li><li>o Mayor event organised by WTC on 16 February 2023 at the Forest Community Centre – the proceeds of the event will go to local charities</li><li>o Awards received by projects across the town to be included</li><li>o To add community engagement items in Comms Plan</li></ul></li><li>- Sustainability and social values – include wider values in the Comms Strategy; existing standard matrix can be used to develop values and process</li><li>- Employment and Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o to use the 3 themes from the Employment Strategy</li><li>o Policy priorities highlighted above to be incorporated also</li><li>o Section to be reviewed with JMcl</li></ul></li><li>- Green and Active – section to be developed further<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o BOSc – support to expand sport teams’ provision</li><li>o GGGL – drone footage available; press release being developed, will be published next week after quotes from organisations involved with the project have been received</li><li>o GGGL – RTPi SE Awards for Planning Excellence 2022 – winner for Best Project and for Best in Region; submission for national award.</li><li>o Electricity provision – town will not be able to get additional power from SSE until 2028-30; raised with local MP and EHDC Leader (DFB to share note to MP with DIG) – to add on Delivery Plan, RAG – R</li></ul></li></ul> |  |
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		<p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Transport group still meeting – focus is more strategic – to provide update at next DIG mtg</li><li>○ Junction of Station Road and Relief Road – to add on Delivery Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Capacity improvement works to be carried out to support the GGGL and other pedestrian movements</li></ul></li><li>○ Arrival Square – to add on Delivery Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tender process started</li><li>▪ Works should start in the new year, after SSE have finished their work</li><li>▪ Chris Knott and David Wilson to discuss further separately</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Any additional feedback/comments to send BHP</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Update Delivery Plan and send to DIG members with Action Notes - BHP <b>Action:</b> DIG members to review and send comments to BHP – ALL <b>Action:</b> DFB’s note to MP regarding issues with electricity provision across town to be shared with Action Notes – BHP <b>Action:</b> Agenda items at next DIG mtg - mini-workshop re Long-term assessment (DIO); Community Trust (WBRC); Electricity Provision (WBRC); Transport as a stand-alone item (HCC) – BHP</p>	
8.	<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Agenda items</b> – Health Hub, Long-term asset management and stewardship, Economic position</p> <p><b>Chair</b> – Homes England or EM3LEP to chair the next DIG – CC</p> <p><b>Meeting dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <u>W&amp;B Celebratory event on 12 January 2023</u> (<i>subsequently, invite sent out</i>) Joint event between W&amp;B Strategy Group and DIG; James Gross to present update</li><li>- <u>Future DIG meeting</u> – January 2023 to be postponed to February (<i>subsequently, organised on Tuesday 14 February at 10.00am</i>)</li></ul>	