



Whitehill and Bordon Delivery and Implementation Group

Notes and actions – 18 July 2023

Attendees		Apologies		Abbreviations
Ralph Facey – Chair	Abri	Clare Chester	EHDC	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
Beatrice Hubert-Price Secretariat	EHDC	Vanessa Marsden	DIO	
Fiona McMurray	EM3	Robert Smith	DIO	
Danielle Friedman-Brown	EHDC	Peter Colenutt	HCC	
Dan Grindey	EHDC	David Wilson	HCC	
Pennie Brown	EHDC	Robin Oliver	Homes England	
Will Parsons	EHDC	James Child	WBRC	
Francesca Godden	HCC			
Lisa Medway	CCG			
Bruce Collinson	WBRC			
Lorraine Jeffs	WTC			

Ref	Item	Notes/Action	Owner
1	Welcome, Introductions & Actions from last meeting	<p>Welcome to all. Apologies received as per above.</p> <p>Previous minutes are approved and will be published on Whitehill & Bordon website.</p> <p>Update received from Robin Oliver, at Homes England, in regards Tech Forest. The update will be sent with the meeting notes.</p> <p>A meeting is being confirmed for the tripartite meeting to progress transport across town. The other actions are complete or will be picked up as part of the agenda items.</p> <p>Action: Homes England’s update to be sent with meeting notes - BHP</p>	Chair



2	EHDC corporate priorities	<p>A coalition between the Conservatives and the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party (WBCP) has been formed at East Hants following the local elections.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holders for Community and Whitehill & Bordon are councillors representing WBCP. Danielle and Clare have monthly catch-ups at the moment with the Portfolio Holder to brief them on progress.</p> <p>The briefs include a reflection on what has been discussed at the DIG, progress of Health Hub, strategic sites and key sites like the Forest Community Centre and Eco Station.</p> <p>Fiona mentioned that Daniel Ruiz, the new chair of the EM3LEP Enterprise Zone Steering Group, would be keen to meet with the new councillors.</p> <p>Action: offer to engage with EM3LEP as part of a future W&B briefing - DFB</p>	DFB
3	Heart of the Town • Town Centre delivery update	<p><u>Town centre Phase 1</u> drainage and civil works are complete.</p> <p><u>Morrisons</u> (Block A) – taking a final contract to their Board in August. The build will start after the contract has been finalised. Plan is to be on site before Christmas 2023 to open at Christmas 2024.</p> <p><u>Mess Hall</u> (Sergeant Mess) – WBRC reviewing the plan following a negative viability review. James C is working with local partners to develop the plan which is looking at incorporating some office space as this has been well received at The Shed, increasing leisure offer with a theatre space and maybe a small bowling alley.</p> <p>WBRC will be organising a workshop in Sept with local politicians to present new offer and to get them on board.</p> <p>Action: WBRC to update DIG on Phase 2 and Mess Hall - JC</p>	BC



Arrival Square – is the public transport interchange in the new town centre and provides the key infrastructure between the existing and new communities. Works were completed last week.

Health Hub – planning application submitted mid-July. Health Hub will provide 2 floors of health services and 82 dwellings.

Health Hub and Morrisons are the priority sites for DIO in the heart of the town.

Education update

Oakmoor extension – the planning application was submitted at the end of June and is awaiting determination by HCC.

The extension will enable the school to increase the intake from 900 to 1,200 (from Six Form Entry 6FE to Eight Form Entry 8FE).

The contractors should be commissioned by end of the summer to start work on site in half-term May 2024, for the opening in September 2025.

The Group requested that the link to the planning application be sent to help with linking the details of the planning application to the Green Travel strategy.

A link to the planning application can be found here: [def | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

DFB needs to talk to Adrian Ellis, Team Leader W&B in Planning, to co-ordinate EHDC's response.

Action: DFB to talk to AE to co-ordinate EHDC response – DFB

Junior School – the costs have turned out to be much higher than anticipated which has caused delay as HCC is checking if the extension is affordable. The extension is planned for September 2024 with an additional form entry.

The planning application has already been submitted and will be determined in July or August.



4	Green and Active	<p>Pennie Brown gave an update on the Green and Active's projects and activities across the town. The presentation will be sent to the attendees.</p> <p>The Group discussed the ways it can help with the delivery of the strategy across the town, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transport across town is important – the longevity of the services depend on the local transport offer which needs a co-ordinated approach from all as it is the partners' responsibility to improve connectivity- Need to link public transport and public community travel- Green Grid Green Loop (GGGL) works need to be co-ordinated and include link to other sites, like Whitehill Chase, and links to the ABRI's sites across town- Active travel needs to be promoted across the town and partners- EHDC is working on the next Local Plan which will pick up some of these aspects- Promotion of GGGL could be done directly with the local employers like Asmodee, Signal etc. A GGGL walk could be merged with a Rural Business Network (RBN) event to promote it to employers. <p>PB offered to take the DIG on a GGGL walk to have a real perspective of the network.</p> <p>Action: Green & Active presentation to be sent to the attendees with the meeting notes - BHP</p> <p>Action: Organise GGGL walk, explore if can be linked to RBN event – PB/BHP</p>	HCC
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5	Governance, Communication and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery Plan• Communications Plan	<p>Delivery Plan was presented.</p> <p>Main points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community engagement – S106 bidding window opening on 31 July- Education – planning applications for the extension of Oakmoor College and Bordon Junior submitted – to be determined by HCC- Planning application for Health Hub received by EHDC in mid-July- Housing delivery – WBRC submitted a new house build trajectory. This includes a smaller number of housing completions in 2023-24- Update on Tech Forest, read by the Chair, is that Homes England is still working on bringing forward the site, and that a pre-application enquiry should be submitted to the Local Planning Authority in the forthcoming months. <p><u>Health Hub</u> – Lisa provided a paper to the Health & Adult Social Care Committee, on which sits Cllr Tree. The early pharmacy arrangement is dependent on the agreement with Morrisons. The heads of terms are being developed.</p> <p><u>Essex Close</u> – refurbishment works are complete – <i>the Delivery Plan has been updated</i> This includes work to form an additional car parking area.</p> <p><u>Power</u> – issue with long-term power supply. SSE is bringing additional lines from Alton to try to rectify this issue.</p> <p><u>Employment and Strategic Sites</u> Tech Forest - EHDC engaging with Homes England to prepare their pre-application.</p> <p>EHDC has received some enquiries from industrial occupiers which will support the work EHDC is doing in regards of job growth and job quality.</p>	DFB
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6	AOB	<p>Chair at next DIG – David Wilson, HCC</p> <p>Next DIG meeting – 17 October 2023 at 10am</p> <p>Key update items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Abri – W&B projects and activities update- Local Plan update <p>Action: to ask David Wilson to confirm he will be Chair in Oct – BHP</p> <p>Action: include key updates in agenda and invite Planning Policy officer – BHP</p>	