

BBC/EWR Line Task Group – Minutes



Date: Thursday 25th September 2025

Time: 10am to 11am

Venue: Hybrid

Attendees:

Craig Austin (CA)

Paul Pace (PP)

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB)

Gavin Chinniah (GC)

Anna Robbani (AR)

Dawn Staal (DS)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

Sarah Combes (SC)

Apologies:

John Molyneux (JM)

No	Discussion	Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions General introductions and CA requested, given the importance of this group, that this needed to be a must attend meeting going forward and that subs must be provided if members were unable to attend future meetings. Discussions on whether other areas should be in attendance and general consensus was that Property and Regulatory services should attend Further task group meetings (aiming at fortnightly) to be arranged	All - It was agreed that subs will be provided for future meetings if main group members were not able to attend JBB to ensure suitable members were requested to attend from Property and Regulatory Services. JBB to arrange
2.	EWR Status and summary background CA provided a background to EWR, including recently identifying a number of properties requiring demolition (2-20 evens on Ashburnham Road) and that to date, the Council had not been given a suitable reasoning for these properties to be demolished. CA noted that a summary of all meetings regarding EWR must be published. This group must keep elected members informed of outcomes/changes/challenges of any meeting. Comms and Public Engagement JBB updated group that EWR will provide a technical note justifying the requirement to demolish 2-20 (evens) Ashburnham Road.	SC to ensure summary of meetings are collated and published ARC to be SPOC for Comms and Engagement JBB to provide update when technical note has been received

3.	Agree meeting objectives/forward agenda. • To respond to technical detail surrounding EWR • Public protection and support. Particularly for those impacted by EWR. • Legal obligations and challenges to be identified • Community Engagement & Communications, outside the level of what EWR will do • Keeping elected members (particularly emphasis on Cabinet, Group Leaders & Ward Councillors directly affected by impacts of EWR decisions) Agreement that BBC should seek to ensure agenda of workshops with EWR includes pertinent items BBC wishes to discuss and cover. Forward Plan of meetings requested from EWR.	JBB & GC to lead/attend technical meetings and report back to Task Group. All DS – JBB to provide DS with the original FC decision ARC JBB/JM/PP to ensure meetings are arranged suitable notes/communications are provided All
4.	Ashburnham Rd and impact nos 2 to 20 - CPO Discussions had on impact to these properties and the need to determine the number of businesses/properties/households etc (Commercial and domestic) within 2-20 Ashburnham Road. Communications to go out to these properties to ascertain their views, concerns and what support can be provided by the Council, and communicate this to EWR during meetings JBB confirmed she has requested stakeholder engagement plan from EWR.	AR to determine domestic households within 2-20 Ashburnham Road to next meeting SC to determine commercial property within 2-20 Ashburnham Road to next meeting ARC to consider building upon work already done in terms of engaging with businesses/properties/households etc (Commercial and domestic) within 2-20 Ashburnham Road.
5.	PIB (Planning Infrastructure Bill) General discussion in terms of the PIB and what impacts this may have on EWR process	DS to provide further information as and when the Bill is passed.
6.	Non statutory consultation response - Update briefing note 15th Jan 2026 EO&SC	BBC officers/members to agree content of report.
7.	AOB Discussion about PPA EWR/BBC.	JBB and GC to confirm the extent of what is covered by the PPA and ensure that all officer time can be recharged for next meeting.
8.	Date of next meeting / frequency Wednesday 8th October, 9am.	

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