

BBC/EWR Line Task Group – Minutes



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 22nd October

Time: 9am – 10am

Venue: Hybrid

Attendees:

Craig Austin (CA)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

John Molyneux (JM)

Sarah Combes (SC)

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB)

Anna Robbani (AR)

Gavin Chinniah (GC)

Paul Pace (PP)

Callum Fletcher (CF)

Dawn Staal (DS)

Margaret Birtles (MB)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	Apologies None	
2.	Minutes from meeting on 8th October The minutes from the previous meeting held on 8 th October were circulated and agreed.	
3.	Subject Experts for ongoing Consultation JBB advised the 'Subject Expert' spreadsheet was circulated at the last task group meeting, with no other names received to be included.	JBB to circulate finalised Subject Experts spreadsheet and confirm process for logging all time spent on EWR matters with information saved in one place so it can be charged back to EWR under PPA.
4.	Forward Plan of EWR/BBC Meetings JBB reaffirmed her frustration that she has still not yet received the 12-month Forward Plan of EWR/BBC meetings from EWR, as previously requested to EWR.	

5.	Stakeholder Engagement EWR/BBC – Ashburnham Road and impact to Nos. 2 – 20 ARC updated the group on the creation of a BBC engagement plan. Discussion regarding next steps for resident and business engagement, to involve a door-knocking exercise of properties affected on Ashburnham Road. Meeting to be rescheduled with the Mayor and Portfolio Holders for Environment & Planning to discuss plan for engaging with impacted residents, businesses and landlords in 2 – 20 evens on Ashburnham Road and seek their steer on next steps.	ARC to circulate finalised engagement plan. AR to confirm details of domestic households within 2-20 evens Ashburnham Road. ARC to organise door-knocking exercise of properties affected on 2 – 20 evens Ashburnham Road. AR to provide support with outreach activities. JBB to liaise with Mayor’s Office to rearrange meeting. CA, JBB, ARC, PP, JM and DS to attend
6.	Planning Infrastructure Bill (PIB) DS advised that more information about the Planning Infrastructure Bill is expected to be released in November. Expected implications are a reduction of the Notice period given to properties at risk of a CPO in certain circumstances. Discussion regarding a need for the Council to understand the legal grounds enabling the use of a CPO for 2 – 20 Ashburnham Road as only option. JBB expressed frustration and confirmed that she has again followed up with EWR regarding the technical note they have promised, justifying the requirement to demolish 2 – 20 evens on Ashburnham Road.	GC to share CPO powers and purchase guidance already available. DS to look into suitable external legal support
7.	EWR Licences for access to BBC land & property JBB and DS confirmed that licences have been prepared for EWR to gain access to 108 Council-owned sites within the red line. DS has sent EWR amendments where gaps in these licences have been identified.	JBB to prepare a briefing note for the Mayor outlining licence agreements and implications <i>before</i> these are signed.

8.	PPA JBB & GC confirmed that additional PPAs would be required with EWR, and they will be having follow up meetings with EWR to discuss this further. JBB confirmed that EWR have agreed to fund support for a dedicated post in the Council for EWR project work, in extension to existing funding and PPA. Discussion amongst the group about support requirements, including consultants to value land and properties, legal, air quality and noise experts (i.e. Project team). JBB confirmed she has created spreadsheets for officers working on the EWR project to log time for recharge to EWR, as well as strategic and technical issues logs.	JBB to engage with EWR and set up a meeting to discuss PPAs. JBB to seek external consultants to support with Council's EWR project work. MB to liaise with JBB re property requirements. JBB to circulate time sheet instructions. JBB to circulate strategic and technical issue logs for all to review and add to.
9.	AOB JBB advised that EWR have shared their responses to the non-statutory consultation in recent workshops. Discussion about preparation of a report to Full Council in the coming months updating on the change of situation re the EWR proposals and emerging designs. CF update that external experts for air quality and noise matters have been identified.	JBB & GC to review EWR comments and circulate. CF to liaise with JBB.
10.	Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th November, 10 – 11am	