

BBC/EWR Line Task Group – Minutes



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: Monday 10th November

Time: 13.30 – 14.00pm

Venue: Teams meeting

Attendees:

Craig Austin (CA)

Dawn Staal (DS)

John Molyneux (JM)

Ben Raza (BR)

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

Gavin Chinniah (GC)

Sarah Combes (SC)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	Apologies Callum Fletcher (CF), Margaret Birtles (MB), Paul Pace (PP), Anna Robbani (AR)	
2.	Update from EWR public meeting held with Mohammad Yasin MP and Mayor Tom Wootton in attendance SC explained the purpose of this meeting as an update for the group re the EWR public meeting held on Thursday 6 th November. This meeting was added to the Task Group's meeting schedule on Friday 7 th November. ARC and JBB provided an update about the topics discussed. JBB had requested the agenda for the meeting prior, but this was not forthcoming. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EWR representatives stated that they couldn't rule out any further changes to the safeguarded zone.• When public concerns regarding traffic were raised, EWR informed the meeting that traffic modelling is ongoing.• EWR stated that a dedicated budget for active travel initiatives is in place.• Residents of the Poets area expressed their disappointment at the lack of engagement from EWR – they have been unable to contact EWR.	Actions carried forward: 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. JBB to circulate time sheet instructions. JBB to circulate strategic and technical issue logs for all to review and add to. JBB to prepare a briefing note for the Mayor outlining licence agreements and implications <i>before</i> these are signed.
3.	AOB	

	<p>JBB advised that she is creating a plan of BBC's immediate resource requirements, with a plan for medium term requirements to follow.</p> <p>BR advised on BBC communications regarding our current activity and support for residents.</p> <p>ARC advised that EWR have requested a meeting to discuss the upcoming engagement session at the RAFA Club on Ashburnham Road, taking place on 1st December.</p>	<p>BR to circulate proposed communications.</p> <p>JM to create an action plan of next steps, to include engagement, legal and finance actions</p>
10.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Friday 21st November, 2 – 3pm (Hybrid)</p>	