

Meeting: EWR/BBC – Engagement Framework introduction

Held on: 07/08/2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB) – Head of Capital Projects, Infrastructure & Sustainable Travel, Bedford Borough Council

Gavin Chinniah (GC) – Head of Planning & Building Control, Bedford Borough Council

Also representatives from EWR Co

Meeting objectives: to give an overview of the engagement framework for EWR/BBC engagement.

Discussion topics:

- EWR gave an overview of the EWR engagement framework and its intended use. The EF is to help with engagement between BBC and EWR, to forward plan, manage resources and coordinate between EWR and BBC to relieve pressure. It should also make it easier for BBC and EWR to work alongside each other to develop the scheme design and to incorporate feedback where possible.
- A discussion took place on subject matter experts at the council, meeting resourcing and how to best coordinate meeting attendance with the council.
- The council requested that EWR includes a look ahead as far as possible to forward plan and identify resources required.