

# BBC/EWR Governance Board – Minutes



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 1.30 – 2.15pm

**Venue:** Hybrid

## Attendees:

Paul Pace (PP)

John Kell (JK)

John Molyneux (JM)

Keith Maidlow (KM)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

Ben Raza (BR)

Sarah Combes (SC)

Barry Garner (BG)

Gavin Chinniah (GC)

Simon Joynes (SJ)

Dawn Staal (DS)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	<b>Apologies</b>  Jo Branson-Budd (JBB), Andrew Prigmore (AP)	
2.	<b>EWR Non-statutory Consultation</b>  SC confirmed that BBC's response to EWR's ongoing non-statutory consultation is being finalised ready for publication next week, ahead of the Full Council meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>PP to send completed Council papers to Democratic Services once completed, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.</b>
3.	<b>Workstream Updates</b>  <b>Stakeholder Engagement and Communications</b> - ARC updated that conversations are ongoing with the ICB re the Cauldwell Street GP Surgery.  ARC and SC provided feedback on the EWR meeting held with MP Yasin on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May. This meeting was attended by the Mayor, Cllr Gribble and Laura Church, as well as Council officers, and was held to discuss the proposed car park in Queens Park with local residents.  <b>4/6 Tracks</b> - JK advised that we are still awaiting EWR's option selection reports re the 4 vs 6 tracks that have been	

requested, but these have not yet been forthcoming from EWR.

BBC's technical consultants have met with EWR re Ashburnham Road , and we have requested EWR's constructability report. JK confirmed that BBC's non-statutory consultation response sets out the Council's full position on both 4/6 tracks and the rejection of demolishing homes.

**Legal** - DS confirmed that she continues to request further information and clarity re the details of the access licences EWR has requested.

**Planning & DCO** – GC provided an update on recent meetings with the NHS re the hospital car park and plans around the station.

**Environment** – SJ confirmed that he has challenged EWR on their lack of engagement regarding Environmental matters. He noted that EWR has confirmed they are still undertaking baseline surveys, so it may be a number of months until we have sight of this and can provide feedback.