Meeting: EWR: Bedford Design Update Sessions – BBC Pre-Brief

Held on: Tuesday 10 February (15:00 – 16:00)

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Verity Quinn (VQ)
- Gavin Chinniah (GC)
- Joanne Branson-Budd (JBB)
- Sarah Combes (SC)
- Antigua Riley-Corion (ARC)
- John Kell (JK)

Also present were representatives from EWR Co

Meeting objectives: To brief Bedford Borough Council on the materials to be presented at the upcoming DUS events in Bedford on 12 and 14 February 2026 and offer a Q&A for any questions or concerns.

Meeting summary:

1. **Engagement & Event Preparation**: The meeting focused on preparations for the Design Update Sessions (DUS), including materials, community engagement, messaging, and clarity on transport, station layouts, and parking proposals. Updates from recent stakeholder engagement were also shared.
2. **Material to be presented at DUS**: EWR Co outlined the boards, visuals, and engineering plans covering stations, Active Travel, and key design elements. Updates were also provided on recent community engagement, with positive feedback from Cauldwell Community Centre.
3. **Non-printed Materials:** The team reviewed visual designs comparing the current and proposed Bedford Hospital multi-storey car park. Discussion acknowledged the significance of presenting clear and consistent illustrations at the DUS.
4. **Q&A Discussion:** Participants raised queries on Active Travel content, signage approvals, hospital car park context, and future engagement plans. Further clarification was sought on communications to residents, LRG updates, and the process for collecting and sharing DUS feedback.

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