

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 minutes:

Item	Text	Action
1.	<p>Engagement & Event Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents in the Poets Area have been invited to book slots for Thursday and Saturday DUS events, with LRG members receiving early access. • Discussion on the extent of resident notification and whether areas beyond safeguarding zones were included. • Action: EWR Co to summarise social media activity/promotion for the DUS and share with BBC - JBB 	1
2.	<p>Materials to be presented at DUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkthrough of materials to be presented at DUS, including Active Travel content, Bedford Station visuals, Bedford St Johns detailed plans, and the St Johns Curve. • Positive engagement noted with Cauldwell Community Centre; continued engagement planned during DUS events. • Designs for the Bedford Hospital multi-storey car park were reviewed, with concerns raised about lack of clarity in NHS planning documentation. • Action: EWR Co to confirm whether EEH branding/sign-off on the 	

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	<p>boards is approved and update VQ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: EWR / NHS / BBC to arrange an urgent meeting regarding the hospital car park design (preferred date: 3 March). 	<p>2</p> <p>3</p>
3.	<p>Active Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification sought on whether Buckets 1 and 2 capture the full scope of Active Travel interventions; EWR confirmed boards will not map specific routes. • VQ requested a follow-up meeting focused solely on Active Travel. • Action: EWR Co to arrange a follow-up meeting with VQ on Active Travel interventions 	<p>4</p>
4.	<p>Broader Programme & Future DUS Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JBB asked when DUS events will be held for broader areas, including CS2, CS4, Clapham, and viaduct-related sections. • Also requested clarity on feedback timelines beyond the scope of the current DUS. • Action: EWR Co to share full schedule and locations of upcoming DUS events with JBB 	<p>5</p>
	<p>Communications with residents & LRGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARC requested clarity on smaller updates for Clapham LRG members and potential ad-hoc information sharing. • ARC also queried whether letters sent to Poets Area residents were also distributed to Ashburnham residents, Crown Place/Care Home, and Pall Grove Road. • Action: EWR Co to check the full distribution list for resident letters and update ARC. • Action: EWR Co to share the letter text (LTT) issued to BBC regarding the hospital car park messaging. 	<p>6</p> <p>7</p>
	<p>Capturing and Sharing Event Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARC requested copies of the DUS feedback forms and a summary of feedback collected. • Discussion on clarity of messaging to residents around the hospital car park. • Action: EWR Co to share DUS feedback form template with ARC • Action: EWR Co to compile and share a summary of feedback gathered from the DUS 	<p>8</p> <p>9</p>
	<p>Consultation Timelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWR Co confirmed the next non-statutory consultation will allow 8 weeks for feedback. 	<p>8</p>

Action log:

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