

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

8 April 2021

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For the period January to 25 March 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Kings Lynn- Nar Ouse

Enterprise Zone update February 2021

Infrastructure

Project team meeting held on 13.01.21 with NCC team to close off outstanding requests for information.

Project Team Meeting scheduled 17.02.21 with Norfolk County Council (NCC infrastructure project team) at which we will get an update on the status of their design.

Procurement route for infrastructure delivery now confirmed as via the Eastern Highways Alliance (framework of civils contractors).

NCC have submitted the proposed site wide drainage design to the local Internal Drainage Boards for approval. NCC have been in dialogue with the drainage boards throughout the design development so securing the formal consent should be relatively straightforward. Awaiting confirmation of formal approval.

Spec Build Units

The project team are finalising discussions and looking to formally contract with our preferred contractor RG Carter for the delivery of Plots A1 and A2 (Phase I). They recently provided an updated tender figure – including a value engineering schedule which looks agreeable to the project team. As part of that value engineering schedule Carter Design have been commissioned to commence detailed design on plots A1 and A2.

RG Carter have now provided options and associated figures for the addressing of earthworks on the site. These are currently being assessed with a view to formally contracting with RG Carter, now agreed.

AHR Architects have been appointed to progress designs and tender Plots A3 and A4 (Phase II) with a view to the construction of these overlapping or following on from

the delivery of Plots A1 and A2. Design work due to be completed mid-March 2021.

GC Baxter and Associates (quantity surveyors) appointed to provide pre contract support to the tender of plots A3 and A4.

General Site Works

Landscape contractor has completed vegetation clearance on the site.

A topographical survey was recently completed to update recent changes in site levels following Anglian Waters rising main replacement works.

EDP (services consultant) have secured the following:

Electric Supply: in receipt of quotation for diversions, order has been placed – currently negotiating / finalising route. Quotation received for new connections.

Gas Supply: quotations for new connections received.

Water Supply: quotations for new connections received. Awaiting feedback from AWS on pumping station and its potential relocation.

The application for the discharge of the landscaping condition has been partially discharged.

Consultants have been commissioned to undertake a Detailed Reports Review, Gap Analysis, Additional Ground Investigation and GI Scope. Consultant also working with RG Carter on the discharge of conditions.

The permanent diversion of the bridleway has been secured – draft application to temporarily divert the existing route of the bridleway submitted to NCC 11.02.21 for comment. This will enable unhindered construction of the infrastructure and spec units – once construction is complete the bridleway will revert to the newly approved route.

New Anglia LEP

Regular monthly meetings are being held with New Anglia LEP to keep them updated on progress.

Funding agreement with New Anglia LEP being updated to reflect project timeframe and costs.

Discussions being held with consultants to provide project support and resource on recommendation of New Anglia LEP.

Company Enquiries for development

Dialogue with Local Company #2 continues in respect of Plot B2 or C4.

Dialogue with Local Company #3 continues in respect of occupation of first phase speculative office space.

Team had a meeting and early discussions with a potential developer interested in 2 – 3 acres with the potential of developing Plots B1/3/4/5 and D5/6/7

Kings Lynn - other sites

Sommerfeld and Thomas Site

Tenders were received for the De-risking, site investigation. The purpose of this work is to provide information about underground and other features including the state of the southern wall to the Mill Fleet. This will enable greater certainty for site conditions enabling better control with design, restoration and cost control. The building itself will be included within an architectural brief to be carried out later.

Interviews have taken place for the firm to carry out the aforementioned site investigation; the evaluation is through the Borough Council's procurement process. A company has been chosen and will be announced subject to contractual items being accepted.

Parkway

The preparation ready for submission is nearly complete. Officers have gone to extensive and indeed proper lengths to carry out site investigations with respect to ecology, design, and sustainable proposals mitigation measures and improvements.

This site is not about displacing nature or intensifying the built environment but sharing an area which has so many ecological features with people who need new homes.

I am assured that this project will bring benefits to our community. Also, the position of the site and the new connections will reduce traffic in general and roadside pollution in areas like Gaywood where so many children are walking to and from school. Overall, the development will bring positive gains for the environment and the proposed increase in wildlife habitats.

There is a section 106 agreement proposed which will pay for the acquisition of 10 acres of land for a new woodland with other planted areas to create habitat rich environment, this represents about 25% of project area additional land and is an addition to the three for one mitigation tree planting on site. It is proposed this area will be managed by a respected national organisation.

Hunstanton

Hunstanton Bus Station site

The design for the new bus shelters have been agreed so that work can begin on these so that there will be stops available in advance of when the demolition works start.

Valentines Road, temporary Library.

Works to begin on this by the 1st March, lasting eight weeks ensuring a continuing library service during the new library construction.

Works on the main project are expected to start at the beginning of May. 2021

Southend Road

The revised design with increased parking solutions is in the planning process.

Meetings Attended

January

25 Portfolio Meeting
27 Nalc carbon reduction Parish Councils discussion
28 S and T De-risk Site Investigation Tender opening

February

2 Cabinet
5 Portfolio meeting
8 S and T De-risk Tender evaluation,
10 Cabinet Briefing
17 Portfolio meeting
23 S and T Meeting
24 Cabinet Briefing
25 Full Council

March

1 Cabinet Sifting
2 S and T Interviews
18 HAZ Pre meeting
19 HAZ Board meeting
22 Parkway catch up.
23 West Winch Annual Meeting
24 Cabinet briefing