

East Norwich Regeneration: Delivery Board meeting - MINUTES

16th February 2023, 13.30 – 15.00

Members

Chair: Cllr Mike Stonard (MS) – Norwich City Council
Graham Nelson (GN) – Executive Director, Development & City Services, Norwich City Council
Louise Rawsthorne – Executive Director of Community Services, Norwich City Council
Cllr. Graham Plant (GP) – Deputy Leader, Norfolk County Council
Vince Muspratt (VM) – Director, Growth & Development, Norfolk County Council
Fionnuala Lennon (FL) – Area Manager, Homes England
Cally Smith (CS) – Head of Planning, Broads Authority
Phil Courtier (PC) – Director of Place, Broadland & South Norfolk Council

Officers

Sarah Ashurst (SA) – Head of Planning & Regulatory Services, Norwich City Council
Judith Davison (JD) – Planning Policy Lead, Norwich City Council
Ian Charie (IC) – East Norwich Regeneration, Interim Project Manager, Norwich City Council
Carlton Roberts-James (CR-J) – Senior Manager, Homes England
Matt Tracey (MT) – Growth & Infrastructure Manager, Norfolk County Council

Item	Topic	Actions
1	Welcome / apologies Apologies: Ian Charie, Sarah Ashurst	
2	Minutes of meeting 9th January 2023 and matters arising Minutes accepted as an accurate record of the meeting	
3	Workstreams and Resources paper GN introduced the paper in IC's absence. The purpose of the paper is to seek a steer on the activities proposed in the paper. The financial ask will be reported back to the next meeting. GP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• queried the timescale for CPO set out in para 4.5.2 of report. Seemed ambitious and probably should be extended to 2 years.• Issue of devolution deal as potential source of finance for East Norwich. Working to get funding agreed on an annual basis. FL: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helpful paper. Need for some form of prioritisation and to set out dependencies/ This will help narrow down focus and help HE identify particular workstreams they can help fund.• Don't lose sight of landowners and what they can do. GN response:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work will extend over several years and it will evolve. No intention of completing it in one year. • We will reconsider matters arising from this paper at the meeting in March. <p>PC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal seems fine but who will drive and coordinate workstreams? A body needs to take ownership of the project overall even though there are different bodies involved. • Need to ensure sufficient resource – can we capitalise this and identify revenue at a later point? • GN: role for city council in working out what can be capitalised at this point <p>VM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of today is to get work list in order to form basis for longer term programme of activity • Needs to sit under a single form of governance • Need to develop a delivery team with appropriate skills, sooner rather than later • Confirmed strong commitment from County Council – fully behind project <p>GN summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major problems with paper but request to work up a more detailed work programme of projects, with priorities, timescales, and costings / resources • Possibility of exploring a joint team <p>MT: happy that County takes some of the work forward. Questioned how far County can progress transport assessment on the basis of the current planning application</p> <p>GP: stressed full support from County members as well as officers</p>	<p>IC / others</p>
4	<p>Bridge proposals and navigation rights</p> <p>GN presented the report and outlined the main issue which is the assumption in the masterplan that the bridges will be fixed. The BA Navigation committee considers that there is a legal requirement for opening bridges. If this doesn't change it will impact on viability of scheme and on the likely success of a bid for infrastructure funding to unlock development. GN is seeking a revised view from the BA by autumn. Technical work is ongoing around interpreting the balance of 'protecting interests' of navigation.</p> <p>CS:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA view on this issue has previously supported the principle of fixed bridges, but membership of Navigation committee has changed. • Currently progressing legal advice to hopefully support opening bridges. • Navigation committee is not a decision making committee. The full BA would take the decision on applications for any bridges and may take a different view from the Navigation committee. <p>PC: queries the BA position given its previous support and its role as a partner in the GNLP. Hope we can give comfort through legal advice and conversations about compensation measures including marina.</p> <p>Members agreed the proposed next steps set out in the report.</p>	
5	<p>Homes England update on Stage 3 Delivery Study</p> <p>FL reported that the Stage 3 study is going well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated reports on aspects of the study (inc market study / CPO / costings) will be shared with partners. • Financial viability model: meetings coming up soon on this • Delivery mechanisms study: HE has had sight of an early draft. <p>Work should be completed in March. FL will discuss with GN and IC how this will be disseminated.</p> <p>Upcoming activities include HE site visit planned for early March, and consideration of future support for East Norwich.</p> <p>GN: how best to involve the Delivery Board in discussions on HE future involvement / support - at next Board meeting?</p> <p>FL: aim for next Board meeting on 13th March. HE to circulate documentation in draft (not final) form. Potential for workshop session with AY.</p>	<p>FL/GN/IC</p> <p>FL/CRJ</p>
6	<p>Project update</p> <p>GN updated on lack of progress with Fuel application. There is a meeting with the applicant/owner coming up soon.</p> <p>No further comments</p>	
7	<p>Risk register</p>	

	No comments were provided at the meeting. GN asked for any comments to be sent through following meeting.	All
8	Comms/engagement GN – wider engagement will follow on from the final Stage 3 study (probably post the elections in late May / early June)	
10	AOB None	

Next meeting: Monday 13th March 2023, 11.00-12.30