

## East Norwich Delivery Board – MINUTES

20 September 2023 - 13.30 – 15.30

Boardroom / Teams

### Members

**Chair:** Cllr Mike Stonard (MS) – Norwich City Council

Cllr Paul Kendrick (CP) – Norwich City Council, Portfolio Holder, Resources

Cllr Andrew Jamieson (AJ) – Norfolk CC, Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder, Finance

Cllr. Graham Plant (GP) – Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, Norfolk County Council

Chris Starkie (CSt) – Director of Growth and Investment, Norfolk County Council

Louise Rawsthorne (LR) – Executive Director of Community Services, Norwich City Council

Graham Nelson (GN) – Executive Director, Development & City Services, Norwich City Council

Fionnuala Lennon (FL) – Head – Markets, Places & People - South, Homes England

Rob Rogers/Cally Smith (RR/CSm) – Director of Operations/Head of Planning, Broads Authority

Phil Courtier (PC) – Director of Place, South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils

### Officers

Shelley Hall (SHa) –Senior Partnership & Business Manager, Homes England

Judith Davison (JD) – Planning Policy Lead, Norwich City Council

Ian Charie (IC) – East Norwich Regeneration, Interim Programme Lead, Norwich City Council

Matt Tracey (MT) – Growth & Infrastructure Group Manager, Norfolk County Council

Andrew Turnbull (AT) – Development Strategy Manager, Norwich City Council

Sharon Page (SP) - Communications manager, Norwich City Council

Item	Topic	Actions
1.	<b>Welcome / Apologies</b>  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Andrew Jamieson, Louise Rawsthorne, Shelley Hall, Sharon Page, Sarah Ashurst, Cally Smith  Cllr Kendrick introduced himself to the board.	
2.	<b>Minutes of meeting 26 July 2023 and matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DECISION: Draft minutes agreed</li><li>• FL raised that there have been some interested individuals in regard to the ‘key task’ within item four; identifying an individual with significant experience in regeneration to become a Member or Chairman of the Board.</li></ul>	IC
3.	<b>Terms of reference review</b>	IC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IC explained the Terms of Reference have been reviewed as part of an annual review and from this believes they are still suitable for the Board.</li> <li>• There has been one addition to the Terms of Reference as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Take a lead role in supporting the Championing of the initiative, to help raise the profile and lobby for public or private sector funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DECISION: The board agree the Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Project and planning update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN provided an update on the greater Norwich Local Plan.</li> <li>• Consultation on the main modifications expected to start in October. GN confident that mods will support the delivery of requirements of the masterplan.</li> <li>• Likely that publication of the inspectors report will follow in late Jan/early Feb.</li> <li>• Supplementary planning document to go through July cycle of meetings.</li> <li>• AT queried whether once published in October, does this carry more weight for the planning team? GN explained there will be increasing weight at all subsequent stages.</li> <li>• With regard to current planning applications for the Carrow Works and Deal Grounds sites, the consultation period by the Ipa is ongoing. A further update on this is suggested for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	IC/GN
5.	<p><b>Upcoming key priority tasks/Homes England capacity funding</b></p> <p><u>River Wensum Navigation Legal Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a result of discussions, NCC will continue to commission legal work for the Navigation matter on the River Wensum. The Broads Authority are not part of the commissioning group. Progressing this legal work is essential to reducing uncertainty regarding a key aspect related to regeneration at East Norwich, and the Draft brief is to be progressed within the next few weeks.</li> <li>• MT raised that Network rail also has a long term desire to replace the rail bridge.</li> </ul>	Norwich City Council & Homes England

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FL queried some further details on the timeline, expressing concern over losing funding. IC explained that once the brief has been finalised, NPLaw can undertake the work and achieve completion of it, including a Conference with a Kings Counsel, well before the end deadline of the end of the financial year (March 2024). The City Council are providing match funding for the work.</li> </ul> <p><u>Trowse underpass.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network Rail have given technical clearance to the principle of the underpass being enhanced, and Feasibility work will be progressed.</li> <li>• Budget limit currently sits at £90k of Homes England Capacity Funding.</li> <li>• IC suggested any underspend on the Navigation work could go towards the Trowse underpass.</li> <li>• As the County Council will be engaging the Consultants, FL explained that any funding provided by Homes England will be provided to the County, not City, Council.</li> <li>• IC emphasised that deliverables will need to be tied down.</li> <li>• GP raised concerns of flooding in some areas. IC acknowledged that flooding has been known in the past for some of the areas, explaining that a technical solution that addresses surface water drainage needs to be found. GP expressed the need to ensure County will not be receiving complaints from residents about this area flooding.</li> <li>• MT explained that colleagues in the Adoptions team have initially indicated that they would be looking to adopt this route, and design will need to take Highway Authority requirements into account.</li> <li>• FL queried whether part of the work at this stage will include costings of the underpass enhancement, and IC confirmed that it would.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>East Norwich SPD update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IC and JD delivered a presentation on an update of the East Norwich SPD.</li> <li>• The SPD was drafted in Jan-June 2022 and endorsed by City Council in June 2022.</li> <li>• No significant change in the masterplan; a balance of planning principles and flexibility.</li> <li>• The GNLP is the starting point, this is an update and refresh, not a rewrite.</li> <li>• Overall, IC and JD will remain document owners.</li> </ul>	IC/JD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently in the briefing period, with changes to be made in October/early November. Changes to be finalised by the end of November. Editing of the document in December by JD.</li> <li>• This is a joint planning document which includes the Broads Authority and South Norfolk. Approval from all relevant committees is required.</li> <li>• MT expressed that a lot of county colleagues' time has been put into this and suggested it would be useful to have some feedback on the comments. IC confirmed this would be an iterative process.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Strategy and Brownfield Infrastructure Land fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No real change at this current stage to the strategy.</li> <li>• The Carrow Works planning application is in its early stages. No known date for determination.</li> <li>• CSt queried about a timeline of availability of BIL funding? IC and Homes England are discussing this, FL recommended that any appropriate opportunities are considered and not closed down.</li> <li>• PC raised the importance of demonstrating value for money and return from investment if using BIL.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><b>NB this meeting was cancelled – next meeting 22 November, 13:30 – 15:00</b></p>	