

Burton upon Trent Town Deal Board Minutes

24th January 2020

Present

Ben Robinson Chair
 Cllr Duncan Goodfellow East Staffordshire BC
 Cllr George Allen East Staffordshire BC
 Cllr Bev Ashcroft East Staffordshire BC
 Cllr Philip Atkins Staffordshire CC
 Cllr Philip White Staffordshire CC
 Valerie Burton Burton Civic Society
 Mick Clifford Burton Civic Society
 Dennis Fletcher Parish Council Representative
 John McKiernan Parish Council Representative
 David Chadfield Coopers Square Shopping Centre
 Peter Hardingham Octagon Shopping Centre
 Shaid Hussain Business and Community
 Representative
 Kate Griffiths Member of Parliament
 Chris Plant Burton & District Chamber of
 Commerce

In Attendance

Andy O'Brien East Staffordshire BC
 Thomas Deery East Staffordshire BC
 Simon Humble East Staffordshire BC
 Wayne Mortiboys Staffordshire CC
 Jonathan Turner Cushman & Wakefield

Apologies

None

External Speakers

Jon Phipps Latham Architects

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1	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting and noted that there were no apologies.	N/a	
2	Minutes of Friday 20 th December 2019 Town Deal Board meeting	Under Matters Arising: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AOB also updated on activities since the December Board meeting specifically the number of key stakeholder meetings that he and the Chair had conducted in the last 10 days, namely: Staffordshire County Council Highways, Burton and South Derbyshire College, University	N/a	

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		<p>Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust, Trent & Dove Housing, Jessups, University of Wolverhampton, and Burton Rugby Football Club. In the coming days, meetings would take place with: Bus companies, the new CEO of Molson Coors UK, Shopping Centre owners, and the Burton Small Business Groups.</p> <p>A draft Forward Plan was tabled by AOB that identified some of the key items for discussion up until the April Board meeting where a draft Town Investment Plan should be discussed. The Forward Plan highlighted the existing ideas from the 2019 Regeneration Strategy and vision and also any emerging ideas and proposals. Indicative costs for interventions were also identified. AOB took the Board through the items on the Forward Plan and how these had been grouped into the Town Centre & Washlands priorities and the Branston Locks priorities, which would be about upscaling the town and growing the town respectively.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were subsequently approved.</p>		
3	Update on the Andressey Passage Project	<p>The Chair invited JT and JP to present an update on the Andressey Passage Project. It was confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP was involved in this work as a heritage architect specialist to advise on the heritage considerations of the High Street, which falls within the conservation area and has a number of listed or protected buildings. • Following the discussion at the December meeting, JT was looking at Andressey Passage in more detail to understand how the broader area could be presented in the Town Investment Plan. • With the above in mind, it was proposed that the area is divided into three distinct plots: [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • The valuation and acquisition advice work on the Refinery work will be commencing to look at how the building could be acquired before it goes to auction on 27th February 2020. The property in question includes the empty area adjacent the building. • JP has conducted a rapid heritage assessment of the area, which shows that it is not a blank canvas but some buildings can be viewed as being 'harmful' to the townscape. The more positively a building contributes towards the townscape, the harder it is to justify an intervention that would impact the building. • The heritage assessment provides a framework that will identify what buildings and land in the vicinity contribute positively or negatively, which shows what interventions could be feasible from a heritage point of view. • The draft intervention masterplan looks at how the area could be opened up by 	Cushman & Wakefield will conduct a detailed study of the Andressey Passage area, which builds on the rapid heritage assessment.	Tbc

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		<p>introducing one or more routes through the High Street to the Washlands, including the existing Andressey Passage. This also identifies potential plots for future development that could then be facing the Washlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft masterplan is a basic framework that identifies options for consideration prior to a detailed study of the area. The detailed study will consider elements such as access rights, value, condition, and price. • With this in mind, they are high level options to be treated with caution, however it was questioned whether the options offer a good enough degree of visible access to the river. • It was also questioned why other points of access should be considered when there are existing access points (e.g. Andressey Passage, the Market Place, and the Library). It was confirmed that this assessment doesn't assume that the existing access arrangements are the most appropriate ones and that it is prudent to consider all of the options available. • This work is about building upon the discussions at the previous Board meeting, which isn't about committing to something at this meeting, but is about understanding what an Andressey Passage 'plus' project could look like and how the riverside could be integrated into the town centre. • It's appropriate to have multiple options for the detailed study so that if the preferred option isn't possible, there are other that could be taken forward. • Andressey Passage could possibly be closed off if the project isn't taken forward, but it would require a right of way diversion, which would need a nearby alternative route of equal or greater quality. • The masterplan is should not be taken as an answer but it is very much just the identification of the potential options to be further tested. A detailed assessment will now be commenced. 		
4	Bridge over the Washlands – changes to existing and potential for new	<p>The Chair invited TD, WM and DF to present the bridges over the Washlands item. It was confirmed by TD that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Washlands Enhancement project initially considered an additional footbridge across the Washlands that would complement the existing Andressey Bridge. • The idea was to have a bridge of around 40m on the area between the Oxhay land and Stapenhill Hollows, which would provide access between Stapenhill/Brizlincote and the Town Centre. ■ [REDACTED] • As the bridge was not fundamental to the delivery of the Washlands Enhancement Project, it was excluded from the delivery of that project. It has since been put forward to the Town Deal Board for consideration. <p>It was confirmed by WM that:</p>	<p>Wayne Mortiboys to update on St Peters Bridge investigations at the next meeting</p> <p>The options for bridges to be looked at in more detail</p>	<p>28th February 2020 (next meeting)</p> <p>tbc</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffordshire County Council have begun looking at the idea of a longer bridge across the river that would be similar to the Ferry Bridge. • It would be around 400m in length and would run from Stapenhill Road to the Library. An example of another bridge was presented that showed an elevated platform in order to ensure access in times of flooding. • This proposal would be a ridge that existed on stilts across the water, meaning that it would be dry all year round. • The purpose would be to serve a greater number of people than just those already served by the Ferry Bridge by enabling a direct route from Brizlincote Valley as opposed to having to walk across the Ferry Bridge and then up to Brizlincote. • This could connect as a cycle route down the side of the cemetery and across into the town. • A question was raised about the closure of car parks in Stapenhill and that a park and ride could be appropriate, however it was discussed that the area was close enough to the town centre by car that people would likely just continue by car. • This bridge could be the difference between people walking and cycling to/from the train station or not and could be part of a wider cycling and walking network. • St Peters Bridge has also been looked at and more detail will be provided at the next meeting, but the Highways team have been asked what options there are for using 3 lanes. <p>█ [REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like with the Andressesey Passage project, this is about surfacing ideas for consideration so that the final proposals can be properly informed. • It was suggested that a pedestrian bridge over St Peters Bridge at the Tesco side (like the one at the other side) could alleviate congestion of vehicles coming into the town centre in place of the existing traffic lights. <p>It was confirmed by DF that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal was a bridge across Newton Road to link Winshill to the Washlands, Wetmore, Stretton, Shobnall etc. • This would be a small bridge to the farmland opposite Winshill and then onto Wetmore Road via the existing bridges on that side. • A formal pathway would be needed between the proposed bridge and the existing bridge. • This bridge would enable different lengths of walks for people of different abilities and would provide better circular routes around the Washlands. <p>Other points of discussion include:</p>		

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