

**STAPLEFORD TOWN FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Friday 9 October 2020 at 2.00 pm**  
Broxtowe Borough Council, MS Teams Meeting

**PRESENT:**

Ian Jowett (Chair)	WMD Ltd
Paul Sweeney (Vice Chair)	Robert Ellis Estate Agents
Ruth Hyde	Broxtowe Borough Council
Darren Henry MP	MP for Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor Richard Jackson	Nottinghamshire County Council
Councillor David Grindell	Broxtowe Borough Council
Ryan Dawson	Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor Ella Kearney	Stapleford Town Council
Councillor Eileen Atherton	Broxtowe Borough Council
John McGrath	Stapleford Community
Paul Gaughan	Paul Gaughan Property Consultants
Will Morlidge	D2N2 LEP
David Brierley	HS2 Ltd
Councillor Tim Hallam (Sub)	Broxtowe Borough Council

**OBSERVERS**

Rebecca Ogden	Broxtowe Borough Council
Phillipa Ward (Minutes)	Broxtowe Borough Council
Carl Husted	Darren Henry's Constituency Office

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Richard MacRae	Broxtowe Borough Council
Louise Lyddiatt	Hawley and Rogers Solicitors
Jeff Edwards	Edwards Clegg Solicitors
Frank Taylor	TRoyal Farms

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>	
IJ welcomed the Executive Board to the virtual meeting.	
<b><u>Apologies of absence</u></b>	
Apologies of absence were received and noted.	
<b><u>Agree Minutes of previous Meetings</u></b>	
The Minutes of the previous meetings dated 4 September 2020 were approved.	

<p><b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b></p> <p>John McGrath Declared an Interest at Agenda Item 7 relating to Stapleford Town Football Club.</p>	
<p><b><u>Terms of Reference (RO)</u></b></p> <p>An updated ToR was circulated with the agenda papers prior to the meeting with changes highlighted in yellow. RH queried if substitutes had been written into the governance. This was confirmed and the Board agreed to the changes. The new ToR will be published on the website.</p>	<p>RO</p>
<p><b><u>Update on Capacity Fund Spend (RO)</u></b></p> <p>RO had issued an updated budget report prior to receiving costings for the cycle route evaluation provided by VIA East Midlands. JMcG was impressed with the report which gave an overview of what could and could not be achievable.</p> <p>DH announced that he will be holding a Zoom meeting called Pushbike Broxtowe Forum on 21/10/20 at 6.00pm. He wanted cyclists, cycle groups, cycle shop businesses and local ward councillors from Stapleford and Toton to be involved in the decision making process of proposed cycle routes. DH to send a link to JMcG and DG.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p><b><u>Update Work Programme (RO)</u></b></p> <p>The Work Programme was circulated with the agenda papers prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Project Summary report and discussion [Sensitive] (RO)</u></b></p> <p>Non-Board members were asked to leave the meeting.</p> <p><u>Old Rock PH</u></p> <p>RO had met with LEP for State aid advice.</p> <p><u>Flood Risk Management Scheme</u></p> <p>MHCLG had been contacted but due to tenuous links it was unlikely the scheme would be funded in the Towns Deal.</p> <p><u>Site 1</u></p> <p>The owners had been contacted but they were not keen to sell the building.</p> <p><u>Site 2</u></p>	

It was understood that the accelerated funding needed to be utilised by March 2021 and have control of the site.

RH explained that the owners of the this site did not wish to sell within the short term. It would not look favourably either if the Towns Fund Deal assisted in people losing their jobs. It is important not to lose credibility with government therefore any alternative site would need to be robust perhaps creating a “HS2 Skills Hub”. Discussions with government indicated that it was possible to move the funding to another site with similar outcomes.

TH believed further negotiations were required with site 1 and 2 to bolster the project. He supported the ideas of quadrants but preferred to retain the library in the skills and education quarter.

PS asked if Stapleford Town Council would be able to assist financially to secure the deal. EK would need to discuss contributions with RH/ZD/RO/RD and seek council approval with proposals.

#### Off Road Cycle track

It was proposed to use the facilities at Bramcote Hills Park to reduce the impact on Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground and therefore could now be removed from the Towns Deal fund.

#### Cycle infrastructure

It was agreed to invite VIA to attend the next meeting.

It was voted to include the cycle network in the TIP submission and be reported to the December meeting.

#### Alternative sites

DG was aware that the NHS building close to The Roach was underutilised as they had a vacant floor which could be available for shared services. .

JMcG wished to pursue negotiations with site 1 and site 3 as these were key sites for Stapleford’s vision. Maycliffe Hall and the former police station could also be possibilities.

#### Skills and training

RO was aware that we would need to look into potential venues for a skills centre if the site 1 and 2 projects did not materialise.

PG had heard that Lord Ravensdale announced that HS2 was no longer going ahead. RH clarified that the eastern leg of HS2 would

link with the northern rail powerhouse as part of an Integrated Rail Plan and a report was expected by the end of the year. Lord Ravensdale was referring to another part of the route which would not affect our area. DB confirmed that was the case and government was maintaining momentum whilst these proposals and improvements to Midlands Connect were being discussed for the eastern leg.

WM advised that other bids were pitching skills relating to HS2 which should be aligned. RO believed the skills hub in this area would be more signposting and strategic rather than a specific physical site.

DB suggested key skills in the general construction industry for manufacturing and engineering to assist with the large scale infrastructure.

DG reiterated that HS2 should open an information office in the area for available jobs and training and advice to residents whose homes would be affected.

RH would prefer to see an eye catching skills hub that would differentiate from other bids that sounds ambitious and challenging but would perhaps need to seek external advice if this was decided.

EK was concerned about other options being identified within the timeframe and GT3 being able to provide the project work required.

Traffic Management

RO would report on the traffic management proposals at the next meeting which will have more emphasis on pedestrian and cycling areas. TH suggested alternative traffic calming measures by removing the speed bumps and reducing the speed limit to 20mph in certain areas.

Hickings Lane and Ilkeston Road Recreation Grounds

It was agreed after a lengthy debate that STFC and Stapleford Young People's Centre would jointly occupy the facilities at Hickings Lane with a proposal for a 4G pitch at Ilkeston Road. STFC have offered to manage and maintain the pitches. If the cricket field could not be accommodated at Hickings Lane then Ilkeston Road could be offered as an alternative site. The pavilion would need to be made bigger to incorporate a café for families and visiting sporting teams. It was suggested to speak to the Football Association to seek match funding and invite them along to the meeting.

PG would speak to RO separately regarding topography surveys for Ilkeston Road Recreation ground.

It was suggested to buy the fire station back on Pinfold Lane which connects to Hickings Lane Recreation Ground for parking facilities.

**PG/RO**

<p><b><u>Next Steps</u></b></p> <p>Consider scooter safe and accessible toilets to include in the plan or design.</p> <p>Think how we can frame our ambition to be a key outstanding link to HS2 being the most connected town in the country and align similar schemes to complement to be the most accessible for everyone in the community. Make the bid more distinctive to fully benefit from HS2.</p> <p>Speak to people in the community who are experiencing accessibility difficulties and put their comments in the draft bid.</p> <p>Include walking, football and wheelchair accessible facilities at the recreation grounds for all the community to enjoy.</p> <p>N&amp;S has already submitted their TIP. It was suggested to invite them along to the meeting. WM would speak to their Director of Economics but a presentation to all local town bids in the area would be more feasible.</p>	<p><b>RO</b></p>
<p><b><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>Friday 13 November 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review TIP document to date</li> <li>• Town Centre traffic management proposal</li> <li>• Skills training included in Work Programme</li> <li>• Cycle survey</li> <li>• 4G pitch proposal for Ilkeston Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 18 December 2020</b>  <b>Friday 15 January 2021</b></p>	

MEETING CLOSED AT 4.00 PM