

## Civic Campus Regeneration Working Group

### Minutes

06 October 2020 – 11:00

### Virtual Teams Call

#### Attendees

Cllr Richard Quarterman  
Cllr Anne Crampton  
Cllr Chris Dorn  
Cllr Wendy Makepeace-Browne  
Cllr David Neighbour  
Cllr James Radley  
Patricia Hughes  
Mark Jaggard  
Glyn Lloyd  
Celia Wood (notes)

Cllr Bob Schofield	Fleet Town Council
Samantha Whiting	HCC
Olivia Paine	HLM Architects
Simon Hope	Montagu Evans
David Milner	Create Streets
Nicholas Boys-Smith	Create Streets

Apologies: none received.

1.	<b>The Chair welcomed attendees and introduced Samantha Whiting representing Hampshire County Council.</b>	
2.	<b>HLM presented feedback on key constraints on the site and the sort of opportunities the site may offer</b>	
	<b>Fleet Civic Hub - Critical Success Factors:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Links to the Views and wider network of green spaces such as Calthorpe Park</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of meaningful public realm to potentially reinvigorate Gurkha Square</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuity of services for the Harlington and Fleet library</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of 'right-sized' contemporary office space for the Council(s)</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of parking provision across Fleet town centre</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximisation of active frontages and creation of a complimentary mix of uses</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a viable, deliverable scheme</li> </ul>	
	<b>Opportunities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancement of the southern Gateway into Fleet Town Centre</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilisation of level changes to maximise use of the site</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a cyclical circulation route which will reduce the linear nature of the High Street</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximisation of active frontages creating an experiential anchor on the high street</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tall buildings opposite the site create precedent for acceptable scale of development</li> </ul>	
	<b>Constraints</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing access routes may be retained or re-provided</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gurkha Square is a key link to the high street and any potential change into public realm will require considerate design of other car parks in Fleet</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuity of services for the Harlington limits plots for new community building</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet library is located in a challenging position should this building not be re-developed</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving the war memorial may be contentious and will create additional challenges</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Executive Summary of Appraised Options</b>	
	<p>Cllrs want to encourage visitors to Fleet Town Centre. There is an opportunity for parking capacity in Victoria Road CP and therefore there is further work to do on this subject if Gurkha Square is proposed to be open public realm space.</p>	
	<p>Possibility of moving the existing skate park is a flexible option to a suitable location within the Views.</p>	
	<p>Topographical survey when available, will be factored in further down the line.</p>	
	<p>Library should be moved or retained, not lost. All agreed.</p>	
4.	<b>Create Streets discuss draft engagement strategy</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging early with the public is the right approach to bring people into the discussion which results in better and more positive comments and a more successful planning process.</li> <li>• There may be some good thoughts and suggestions that from the community and early engagement will encourage that interaction.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening exercise asking local users what their hopes and thoughts are for the site.</li> </ul>	
	Timelines – the draft timescale of end of October for the current stage will need to be agreed by the WG. Post viability engagement throughout November	
5.	<b>Questions:</b>	
	Until you go out to the post-viability tier of engagement that is when you would go out to engagement further. Our advice for first level engagement is a more general question of the public on what they think about the site and what they like, which places they would use / how they access the Views park etc.	CS
	we will be organising meetings with HCC to go through details with yourself and colleagues at HCC.	GL
	the Neighbourhood plan gives a framework for the conversation.	PH
	Due to time constraints, if any Cllrs have additional comments or feedback, these can be provided to GL by no later than Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> October.	
6.	<b>AOB</b>	
	Next WG meeting – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – 11:00 Virtual call	

MEETING ENDED AT 12:43PM.