

# Clay Cross Towns Fund

## Progress Report for CCTB

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Introduction**

- 1.1 This Progress Report has been prepared by Nexus Planning for the Clay Cross Town Board to brief members ahead of the Board Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- 1.2 The report confirms progress by the consultant team following the initial meeting with Officers on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and the Inception meeting with the Board on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The report provides information on:
  - a. Actions undertaken and work in progress
  - b. A summary of interim findings on Baseline work.
  - c. Initial Spatial Framework and outline projects

### **Actions / Work in Progress**

- 1.3 The consultant team working with Officers, have progressed the following:
  - a. Accompanied site visit – NEDC/Nexus Planning/Buttress Architects
  - b. Prepared a draft Communication Strategy (see agenda paper) and supporting material
  - c. Commenced baseline research – see draft baseline papers as follows:
    - i. Baseline Report (working draft) – Nexus Planning
    - ii. Executive Summary Market Report – Thomas Lister
    - iii. Technical Note – Ramboll
    - iv. Area Analysis – (working draft) - Buttress Architects
    - v. Socio Economic Baseline Report (working draft) - Amion Consulting
  - d. Prepared a draft updated programme
  - e. Prepared an Investment Plan Framework based on the updated guidance from MHCLG issued on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (see paper prepared by Amion Consulting)
  - f. Established and held 2 x Built Environment Working (Officer) Group Meetings

- g. Established and held 1 x Skills and Training Working (Officer and Stakeholder) Group Meetings
- h. Undertaken a number of meetings with officers, stakeholders and other statutory bodies.

1.4 Baseline research and consultation will continue during the w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June and a verbal update will be provided at the Board Meeting as required.

**Baseline Work – Interim Findings**

1.5 Full details of baseline work are provided in the papers noted at 1.3 c above. The baseline work will continue to be developed to ensure that the evidence base for the Investment Plan is appropriately robust

**Initial Spatial Framework – for discussion**

1.6 The Buttress baseline paper sets out the rationale behind an emerging spatial framework for the Town Investment Plan. In summary the draft strategy is to:

- a. Focus additional activity, uses and development within the heart of the town centre, and specifically the Market Street / Bridge Street area through the delivery of a number of mixed used (residential, commercial, civic) development projects.
- b. As part of town centre development and associated public realm works, create a town square at Market Street as a focal point for the community.
- c. Reduce the dominance of traffic on the A61 and introduce additional public realm and other improvement to improve the commercial environment, improve a key 'front door' to the town centre and enhance the east-west pedestrian linkages in the town.
- d. Establish a town-wide cycle, pedestrian, green infrastructure network linking key assets across the town into the heart of the town centre, including Coney Green, Egstow Park (employment and housing), community, health and education facilities and key open space and leisure locations (Kenning Park, Sharley Park).
- e. Connect the town better to the wider area through improvement pedestrian and cycle linkages and plan, in the medium to longer term, for benefits of a potential rail station.
- f. Maximise the linkages between the key open spaces through a Green Infrastructure strategy.

1.7 The Spatial Framework will continued to be developed and will form the basis for Stage 2 public consultation.

**Outline Projects – for discussion**

1.8 Projects will need to be tested for consistency with Town Fund objectives and funding requirements and the extent of public support as well as feasibility and deliverability. However at this early stage it is useful to share some initial thoughts. For certain areas, notably around skills and education, further work needs to be done before outline options can be proposed. Our initial are aligned to the 'strategic parameters' set out in the consultant brief.

Strategic Parameter	Potential Project	Further work	Key consultees / partners
Education infrastructure	Not yet identified	Further stakeholder engagement, understand further primary / secondary requirements. Explore FE links	Chesterfield College, local schools, businesses
Digital Infrastructure Plan	Co-working work space, Free Town Centre wifi	Meeting arranged with D2N2, link to education / skills strategy	D2N2
Research, Innovation and Skills	Not yet identified	Engagement with businesses required	Chesterfield College, local schools, businesses
Active Environment	Sharley Park Leisure Centre, potential private sector gym, green/ped/cycle linkages, active/cultural assets at Sharley and/or Kenning Park	Develop masterplan options and linkages	Sports England
Clean Growth Accommodation	Clean growth development at Coney Green and or Egstow Park, linkages to Clay Cross Biomass and existing businesses	Understanding constraints on delivery	Land owners, D2N2
Green Infrastructure / Key Cycle network	Green / cycle / ped linkages – Coney Green, Egstow Park, Town Centre	Develop masterplan options and linkages	NEDDC/DCC
Town Centre Traffic Management	Part of Town Centre redevelopment project focussed around Market Street / Bridge Street	Develop masterplan options and linkages	NEDDC/DCC
Co-location of Public Services	Opportunity for town centre redevelopment, creation of 'public	Review OPE data when available	Public sector partners

	sector hub', release of sites for other uses including housing		
Improving the quality of the town centre	<p>Explore scope for significant redevelopment around Market Street / Bridge Street, links to High Street</p> <p>Explore opportunities for 'infill'/complementary housing on some sites</p>	Engage with landowners / test market and delivery options	<p>Homes England</p> <p>Historic England</p> <p>Registered Providers</p> <p>Landowners</p> <p>Existing businesses</p>

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