

BROMSGROVE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROGRAMME

Appendix One

HIGHLIGHT REPORT

VISION: An attractive & vibrant town centre at the heart of a thriving market town.

MISSION: The regeneration and revitalisation of the town centre of Bromsgrove.

Project:	Programme Level Update
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Date:	18 November 2009	Period covered:	November 2009
Project Start:	PID Approval September 2008	Projected completion:	TBA
Project Status (mark as appropriate)	Red	Project outside scope, timescales and/or budget	
	Amber	Some risks exist, but mitigation being undertaken	
	Green	Project within scope, timescales and/or budget	

MILESTONES: This period

Due Date	Milestone	Update
Carried from August	Confirmation of funding for Railway Station	Complete – meeting held. £11million funding in place - £5million London Midland / £6million WCC/DoT/AWM. £2million required from Network Rail to be confirmed.
Carried from September	Confirm new Police and Fire Station	Complete – Agreement reached between New College and Police. Further details following Steering Group presentations by Blue Light Agencies
Carried from September	Forward timetable agreed for resurfacing of pavements on key approaches to town centre gateways	Meeting with Jon Fraser – County Highways – re-arranged for January
October	SMT Support for BDC Strategic Planning Bromsgrove Listed Building scheme	Strategic Planning advise that judged low priority – may compromise ability to match English Heritage / Lottery funding for Town Centre
November	Procurement process for Market Hall demolition commenced	On target - Completion Anticipated
November	New Town Centre Pedestrian Signage installed	On target – Completion Anticipated

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November	£10,000 Christmas support package in place and light switch on event held	On target – Completion Anticipated
November	PID for AAP issued	Delayed – carry over to December
November	Mandate for next phase of Property Review agreed by Steering Group	On target – Completion Anticipated
November	Detailed negotiations opened with Sainsbury	Due to commence 1December
November	Final independent report on Parkside Junction options	Complete

MILESTONES: Next period

Due Date	Milestone	Update
Carried from September	Forward timetable agreed for resurfacing of pavements on key approaches to town centre gateways	Meeting with Jon Fraser – County Highways – re-arranged for January
November	PID for AAP issued	Delayed – carry over to December
November	Detailed 106 negotiations opened with Sainsbury	Due to commence 1December
December	THI Bid submitted to Lottery	
December	PSICA Bid submitted to English Heritage	
December	Phase 2 Public Assets Review started	
December	Town Centre Housing Survey started	

SUMMARY

Please highlight the key points of progress and activity that have occurred in the period to further the strategic aims of the Bromsgrove Town Centre Regeneration Programme.

1. A revitalised and attractive town centre

Outline bid accepted by Lottery for Townscape Heritage Initiative – Invitation for full application due to be submitted in November.
 Outline bid accepted by English Heritage for Worcester Road area. Invitation for full application due to be submitted in November.
 Public Realm Design work completed for North End High Street in preparation for 106 negotiations with Sainsbury.

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2. A thriving and diverse economy

Market Hall demolition procurement process ready to start.
£10000 funding for shop fronts agreed with Worcestershire County Council (will be levered by using towards PSICA Heritage Match)
Major Christmas Lights Switch on event.

3. New multi-agency public service facilities

We are on target to start on site with the Health Centre and the Fire and Police Station before the end of the Financial Year.
The review of facilities in Recreation Road has been started.

4. An improved Transport Infrastructure

A speculative bid to fund the bus station has been made through WCC into AWM's Sustainable Urban Development Initiative.
Sainsbury Negotiations on Transport have been positioned to scale back the loss of trees at Parkside and to help fund new town centre bus services.
New finger posts for pedestrians will be installed before Christmas.

5. Area Action Plan

Early work has started to produce the preferred option. This includes production of the PID – due November, progressing PPS6 and a summary of the statutory consultation at Issues and Options phase.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Half Year position on Budgets awaited.
£10000 WCC Christmas Money allocated
£10000 WCC Shop Front Money secured
Bids to English Heritage / Lottery / Sainsbury in progress

ISSUES LOG / RISK REGISTER

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Mark with an X as appropriate (see definitions below): -

Issue	Risk	Description	Countermeasure
		As per main Risk Register	

OUTLOOK / SUMMARY

The main focus at this stage continues to be maximising the contribution to the regeneration of Bromsgrove from Sainsbury and the success in persuading the Lottery to receive an application to the Townscape Heritage Initiative from us. These activities will take priority over any other actions/milestones at this key stage of their application to develop a store in town.

HIGHLIGHT REPORT ENDS

Definitions: -

Risk: Something that could affect the successful completion of the project, the achievement of its strategic aims and objectives, or its cost, timescales or scope.

Issue: Various problems, queries and changes that occur in the process of a Project. These may or may not become a defined Risk.