

DRR12/143 - Appendix 1 - Town Centres Individual Site Updates – January 2013

Site	Lead Officer	Background	Position Statement
<u>Bromley</u>			
Site A: Bromley North	Network Rail The Council Linden Homes Lead: KM	<p>The Council has received the judgement with regards the Statutory Challenge to Policy OSA. An Order was issued that quashes Policy OSA in its entirety. It requires the Council to prepare, publish, consult upon and promote a new policy for the OSA site.</p> <p>It is proposed that this be dealt with in the forthcoming Local Plan, as it is at an appropriate stage of development. It is anticipated that the next round of consultations with take place in from September 2012, with the final plan to be submitted for Independent Examination in Spring 2013.</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>A strategic option to re-examine land uses for the redevelopment of the Bromley North Station site was included in the papers considered by the LDF Sub-committee on 13th December 2012.</p> <p>Officers are continuing to work with TfL to examine the business case underpinning a potential extension of the DLR to Bromley North. The Council are anticipating that TfL will agree to fund and promote this business case work and engage in further discussions with the Borough.</p>
Site B: Tweedy Rd	The Council Lead: KM /HH	<p>The AAP states that the site could accommodate a scheme for around 70 residential units.</p> <p>One option being examined is a short term car park use, to meet a drop in overall capacity whilst the Hill MSCP is refurbished and</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>The Strategic Asset Management Group (SAM) have recommended that further designs and costs associated with a temporary car park should be investigated by officers.</p>

		<p>Westmoreland MSCP is redeveloped.</p> <p>Further work undertaken concerning a temporary parking option for the site (approx 100 spaces) is underway. The traffic model is now available to assess the impact of any future use on the A21.</p>	<p>Timescale: Officers from the Environmental Services department are currently undertaking a traffic modelling assessment and will arrange the follow up meeting with TfL Highways. Following these discussions a report will be taken to the Strategic Asset Management (SAM) Group with a detailed proposal for the site.</p>
<p>Site C: Town Halls</p>	<p>The Council</p> <p>Lead: HH</p>	<p>Site allocated for mixed use development comprising Hotel and/or offices.</p> <p>Cathedral Group and The Land Group granted 6 month exclusivity agreement.</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>Cathedral have developed their proposals for the Town Hall in accordance with the requirements of the Exclusivity Agreement.</p> <p>A meeting took place between the Council, English Heritage and Cathedral on 27th Sept which confirmed that the current scheme design is acceptable before submission to the Council for approval.</p> <p>Timescale: A preliminary development timetable has been agreed with the developers, which seeks to agree draft Heads of Terms by January 2013.</p>
<p>Site F: Civic Centre</p>	<p>The Council</p> <p>Lead: HH</p>	<p>Following a review of the options, it has been agreed that in the short term, up to 2015, the Council will concentrate on meeting its accommodation needs through the more efficient use of the campus site, undertaking limited investment in maintenance.</p> <p>The refurbishment of the North Block is now substantially complete with ICT cabling currently being completed.</p> <p>Staff should start to reoccupy the block in July 2012.</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>The Members' Strategic Asset Management (SAM) Group has recommended that officers should examine options for the demolition of the Joseph Lancaster and Anne Springman buildings and the provision of temporary car parking on the site. A report on parking in the town centre was considered by The Executive on 23rd May 2012. Members agreed to a first phase of works to provide additional spaces. These cleared sites are in the second phase of proposals. Members agreed should be retained in case its use for parking is required to support the town centre.</p> <p>Timescale: The need for this site for parking will be reviewed following the implementation of the Phase 1 works to provide additional parking.</p>

<p>Site G: West of High street</p>	<p>Various Lead: KM</p>	<p>Major site in the AAP, allocated for mixed use development incorporating residential, retail and community and health facilities.</p> <p>AAP Inspector recommended that a Masterplan should be prepared for the site and adopted by the Council as supplementary planning guidance.</p>	<p>Position Members at the Executive meeting on 24th October 2012 agreed, following the successful conclusion of the Pre-Qualification stage of the procurement process, to invite Muse Developments, Barratt Developments and Kier Property to proceed to the next stage of the selection process and submit outline proposals. The three bidding companies are nationally recognised developers and all three companies are capable of addressing the necessary design and development, financing and funding requirements to undertake a scheme of the scale and nature of Churchill Place.</p> <p>November 2012 Montagu Evans appointed as the Council's new development advisors.</p> <p>December 2012 Initial meetings with 3 developers (purpose: to discuss the process, their concerns, their team, programme etc)</p> <p>January 2013 Issue Development Brief.</p> <p>February 2013 Workshop 1 / Presentation by Developers to Home team and Members and written feedback from Home team</p> <p>March 2013 Receive Submission and evaluation</p> <p>April 2012 Identification of preferred developer.</p>
<p>Site J: Bromley South</p>	<p>Network Rail Lead: KM</p>	<p>Network Rail is improving the station, in particular; access. Improvements will cover drop off facilities, disabled access, internal layout, repairs and refurbishment of the building.</p>	<p>Position Timescale: Lifts have been operational since early September and the new ticket office and entrance hall is due to be complete by the end of December 2012.</p> <p>Work is also progressing on establishing a permanent kiss and drop off point on the Waitrose access road as part of the Outer London Fund round 2 allocation.</p>

<p>Site K: Westmoreland Road car park</p>	<p>The Council Lead: HH</p>	<p>Mixed use development site comprising cinema, A3/4/5 uses, residential, hotel and re-provision of public car parking. Cathedral Group selected as the Council's development partner in December 2008 after a competitive process. The proposal includes a multi-screen cinema, 200 residential units, 130 bedroom hotel, restaurants and cafes, plus associated parking and public realm enhancements.</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>Planning permission for the scheme was granted in March 2011. Cathedral are considering some changes to the proposed basement car parking provision although the number of spaces will be unchanged.</p> <p>Work on the demolition of the Car Park is due to commence early in January 2013.</p> <p>A comprehensive publicity campaign is being drafted by the Press Office deal with the parking issues arising from the closure and this will be discussed with local ward members.</p>
<p>Site L: Former DHSS</p>	<p>Land Securities /Trillium Bromley Christian Centre. Lead: KM</p>	<p>The AAP Policy seeks a comprehensive redevelopment of the Crown Buildings and the adjacent Bromley Christian Centre Site. The Policy seeks a mixed use scheme including hotel, residential and replacement of office floorspace.</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>Telereal Trillium, the owners of the Crown Buildings have submitted a planning application for a mixed use scheme consisting of a hotel and residential units (on their site only) in September 2012.</p> <p>Timescale: This application is not in conformity with the AAP policy for this site. It is due to be considered in the November planning application cycle.</p>
<p>Bromley North Village</p>	<p>Lead: KM</p>	<p>In support of transformational public realm improvements an Area Based bid to the Transport for London, as part of the Mayor's 'Great Spaces' initiative, has been successful in providing access to £300k for detailed design work. A further allocation of £3m has been made available by TfL subject to the Council meeting a number of design gateways.</p> <p>£1.5m has been allocated in the Council's</p>	<p>Position</p> <p>Bromley North Village (BNV) has completed its outline design, which was approved by R&R PDS Committee in March 2012. The designs have now progressed through to the detailed design phase whereby traffic and engineering details are added and final estimates calculated. The scheme design has been amended to take in to account concerns raised by Bromley North Village traders regarding evening two way traffic working in High Street North.</p> <p>Bromley North Village (BNV) has completed its outline design, which</p>

		<p>Capital Programme 2012/13 in support of this project.</p>	<p>was approved by R&R PDS Committee in March 2012. The designs have now progressed through to the detailed design phase whereby traffic and engineering details are added and final estimates calculated. The scheme design has been amended to take in to account concerns raised by stakeholders such as the Bromley North Village traders who requested two-way traffic working in the evenings on High Street North.</p> <p>Transport for London have agreed the business case for the project and are due to consider the final design sign off on 14th January 2013. Following the successful sign off by TfL's Programme Board they will formally release the £3m of funding that has been allocated to this scheme. The Executive considered a report on 9th January 2013, seeking authority to release the Council match funding contribution, subject to the TfL approval being secured on 14th January 2013. Normally, a report would be brought to the R&R PDS for consideration prior to be approved by the Executive. However, the Council needs to agree the scheme funding so as to allow the purchase of materials that can be charged to the 2012/13 Outer London funding allocation, which may be lost if it is not defrayed before the end of March 2013. It is proposed that all Members of the R & R Committee and local ward members are invited to attend the Executive on 7th January for the consideration of this report. A manned presentation of the full scheme design will be held in Committee Room 5 on Friday 4th January from 2-6pm to which all R&R and Local Ward members will be invited to attend. Accompanied walks will also be available on the day to visit the material test panels which are located at the entrance to White Hart Slip in the town centre.</p> <p>Implementation could start in January 2013 with the placing of material orders and decluttering, with the main capital works commencing in April 2013. This should take between 12 and 18 months depending upon business owners' preference over the level and length of time disruption will occur during construction.</p>
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Orpington			
Orpington Town Centre	Lead : KM	There are 2 key opportunity sites.– The Job Centre and Police Training facility, which are currently available for redevelopment. Working is progressing to agree a consensus with land owners/interested parties over future development options, which would ultimately inform a planning brief for the whole of the Walnuts site. The Council as the Local Planning Authority is best placed to co-ordinate and lead on this work.	Position The new consortium is seeking to implement a comprehensive improvement programme for the Walnut Shopping Centre which will see the old Job Centre redeveloped for additional retail floorspace and a cinema. The applicant has submitted prior notification documentation to demolish the Job Centre building.
Beckenham			
Public Realm Improvements	Lead: KM	The Draft Local Implementation Plan (LIP), submitted to TfL in December 2010, indicates that, following the implementation of the Bromley North Village project, the Council envisages that Beckenham town centre would potentially be the subject of a future Major Schemes bid. This is supported by the inclusion in the LIP of an indicative sum of £150k of TfL funding for scheme development in 2013/14.	Position Work has been completed on the development of the public realm concept design for Beckenham town centre. This has formed the basis of a bid of a Step 1 bid which was submitted to Transport for London Area Based Programme on 7 th Sept 12. On 14 th December 2012 TfL announced the Area Based Programme settlement for 2013/14. This did not include any allocation for Beckenham and officers are seeking further feedback from TfL.

Penge			
Penge Renewal Strategy	Lead: Colin Brand	Renewal Strategy has been published.	Position A new site for a new Library which would allow the re-organisation of service delivery in this part of the Borough has been identified. Work is now ongoing to secure an acceptable lease and fit out programme. Timescale: Ongoing
Office and Employment Floorspace			
Office Floorspace	Lead Various	<p>The AAP makes provision for 7,000 sq metres of additional office floorspace in the Plan period. This was allocated on Opportunity Site A (2,000) and Opportunity Site C (5,000).</p> <p>Given the revised policy position for Site A and the possibility that Site C could be redeveloped as a hotel, there is a concern that there could be insufficient provision made for future office employment growth in the town.</p> <p>DTZ have been commissioned to produce a Retail, Office, Industry and Leisure Study, which will inform the production of policy options for the Local Plan consultation which will commence in September 2012. These options will examine the future supply and demand for employment floorspace and current and future designation of employment sites.</p>	<p>In conjunction with local property agents work has commenced on gathering both quantitative and qualitative information on the office stock in Bromley Town Centre. This will allow further analysis of the future supply and demand for office floorspace both in town centres and in other potential employment locations such as Biggin Hill.</p> <p>It is intended that the results of this analysis could be used to develop a potential financial incentive package, targeted at bringing back redundant office into use, for which funding could be sought from the Mayor's Growth Fund.</p> <p>Officers are considering the content of the London Office Policy Review 2012 recently published by the GLA. The LOPR 12 concludes that Bromley is unlikely to retain its position as a significant office centre and the report calls for a more pragmatic policy approach to be adopted. The reports suggests down grading Bromley as a speculative office location to a lesser designation that would see some office provision promoted as part of wider residential or residential and retail/leisure mixed use development. This would be likely to entail long-term net loss of overall office stock, partial renewal on the more commercially attractive sites and managed change of use of provision on less attractive sites.</p>