

NDP Review update January 2023

The NDP team continue to progress the NDP review looking for completion at the earliest opportunity.

BDC are in the process of arranging for Sustainability and Habitats assessment opinions to be sought on our behalf to accompany the Regulation 14 consultation version.

Locality have arranged an early health check on the review draft which has returned a mainly positive result with recommended updates to strengthen the consultation version.

The team are seeking to meet with Braintree Council together with a representative of DAC planning to agree the updates with BDC and introduce them into a new draft review as soon as possible

The team are also mindful of current potential delays or impediments to progress as follows:

Any consultation period required on the SEA and HRA screening reports

Waiting on dates for BDC council meetings to approve progress as needed

Consultation period required to conduct Reg 14 consultation and subsequent examination.

Any 'purdah' period on activity around the May local elections.

Present funding available from Locality being required to be spent by April 2023.

Available physical people resources available to the NDP team.

Alone or in combination these issues have the potential to push finalising the review beyond the financial year in April.

The team have approached DAC planning to establish the level of finance required to expedite work to complete the NDP as far as possible within the current financial year. Discussion with Locality may be required to review the present funding arrangements in place

The attached fee note gives an indication of what is required to get the project through as fast as possible to referendum with assistance from DAC planning.

Tasks 2, 4 and 5 have already been covered through Locality funding although requiring an additional cost of £920.00 arising from DAC planning costs review since the original quote received in August 2022.

Task 1

Production of promotional material and questionnaire £1340.00

Task 3

Price increase re Task 2, 4 and 5. £920.00

Finalisation of the Plan review £1340.00

Costs not previously quoted for,

Attendance at meeting with BDC to agree updates to the plan following initial health check review.
£600.00

Complete updates amendments agreed with BDC to the plan following initial health check review.
£1550.00.

TOTAL to complete £5750.00

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