



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk: Mr. P. Hodson

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
WORKING GROUP

17 September 2020

Committee Members,

**You are invited to a meeting of the Economic Development Working Group of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 2899 7691.**

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email [committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk) or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSlfcZC9Q/>

Mr. P. Hodson  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies from Members.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting

To approve the minutes of the Economic Development Working Group meeting held on [Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020](#), received at the **Full Council** meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### 4. Action List

[Appendix A](#)



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*Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't.*

*All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.*

## 5. Aylesbury Town Centre Regeneration

A presentation on the role and work of the Aylesbury Town Centre Regeneration Manager, Diane Fawcett.

## 6. Motion – Cllr. J. Harvey

*This Working Group is disturbed by increasing evidence of disruption to local businesses on the industrial estate next to the Recycling Centre caused by queuing for the latter. It is our view that current plans (to install a viewcam to alert visitors to the existence of long queues) will not solve the problem. It is our view that a booking system, as used by MK Council, would be far better at balancing the needs of local business people and those who wish to use the recycling centre. We call upon the Buckinghamshire Council to install such a system.*

[Appendix B](#)

## 7. A Story of Buckingham

To receive and discuss a report from Mr N. Morrison

[Appendix C](#)

## 8. Buxplore

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the Communications Clerk

## 9. COVID-19 Update

To receive and discuss a verbal update from the Town Clerk

## 10. TIC Website Update

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the TIC Supervisor

## 11. Chairman's Announcements

## 12. Date of next meeting

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

To:

Cllr. G. Collins	Town Mayor
Cllr. Harvey	Vice Chair
Cllr. Hirons	
Cllr. Newell	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. Mordue	
Cllr. Smith	Chair
Cllr. Stuchbury	
Cllr. Whyte	Buckinghamshire Council
Cllr. C. Clare	Buckinghamshire Council
N. Morrison	Buckingham Society
L. Hutton	#lovebuckingham
D. Jones	University of Buckingham
M. Simons	Traders Association
L. Keeling-Zatta	Student, Royal Latin School

Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Action Owner	Update	Deadline
148.1/19, 336.2/19, 500/19; 192/20	Membership	M. Simons and the Town Clerk AGREED to contact additional local business owners to join the Working Group.	Town Clerk, M. Simons		Ongoing
151/19	BART bus to Town Centre	Cllr Whyte and M. Simmons discuss whether an arrangement for BART to provide a shuttle to the town centre shops for a discount on a cup of tea	Cllr Whyte, M. Simons		Ongoing
151/19	BART bus to Old Gaol	Cllr Whyte and Cllr Smith discuss whether an arrangement could be made for a BART service which includes a discount on entry into the Old Gaol museum.	Cllr Whyte, Cllr Smith	Discussed with Trustees and agreement to offer £1.00 off normal entry fee, providing there's evidence that they have travelled by BART e.g. ticket	Ongoing
157/19, 336.4/19	AVDC funding	Town Clerk <b>AGREED</b> to pursue this with AVDC	Town Clerk	To be pursued with Buckinghamshire Council	Ongoing
338.1/19	BNDP: Design and Style guide	Design and Style guide could be looked at as part of the BNDP.	All members, Town Plan Officer	This will be discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee on 29th September 2020	Ongoing
338.2	Aylesbury Town Centre Manager	It was <b>AGREED</b> to invite D. Fawcett, Aylesbury Town Manager to speak to EDWG at a future date about encouraging retailers to fill units. It was also agreed to have a shorter agenda to accommodate this.	Town Clerk, Communications Clerk		September

Please find attached update from the Waste Services Team at Buckinghamshire Council on the current situation at Buckingham's Household Recycling Centre.

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Good Afternoon,

I work in the Waste Services team at Buckinghamshire Council. Since we reopened the Household Recycling Centres we have been working hard to get them back to normal, or as close as possible whilst remaining safe.

The contract manager Jess King (cc'd) and myself know that the Buckingham HRC can get busy at the best of times and since lockdown the queues have been more frequent and local businesses have been affected. I just wanted to let you know the current position with the site, as I know residents are just as likely to contact the Town Council about this than Buckinghamshire Council.

I have recently updated Cllr Clare and a couple more local Councillors who made contact. Most of the below is the update I gave them, hopefully it is of some use, at least as an explanation.

Currently in the new normal world of COVID, the site accommodates around 2,000 visits a week from customers. It seems that when we go above the 2,000 mark is when we see queues.

2,000 visits are only 84% of visits which we would normally see pre-COVID, which quite good considering we only have 4 on site car parking spaces available (pre-COVID there would be 7 on site car parking spaces).

Buckingham HRC is constrained in terms of physical footprint and size of the site. This is being further exacerbated by the social distancing measures required to keep both staff and customers safe on site.

- **Location** - where it is on the industrial estate means that even one car queueing outside the site there would be a queue on the road, which also happened pre-COVID.
- **Size** - It is a small site with seven spaces for unloading normally, we currently have 4 car parking spaces in use. There is no option for expanding the existing site sadly.
- **Surrounding area** - the area it serves has grown in population, and therefore has the waste, so the site has been dealing with more waste each year.

### What can we do?

Relax the social distancing measures - Government guidance still states that "where possible keep 2m distance", industry health and safety bodies also advise to maintain 2m wherever possible. We have currently have as many spaces available as we can safely manage, so until the guidance changes, we are restricted to the throughput we have now.

**Traffic management** – To change the traffic flow to access the site to via Top Angel and stop them before the junction to Yonder Slade. Then, when a space is available on site, send the car to the site. This would cause delay for other road users and businesses as they could be sat in 'stop' queue before the junction to Yonder Slade.

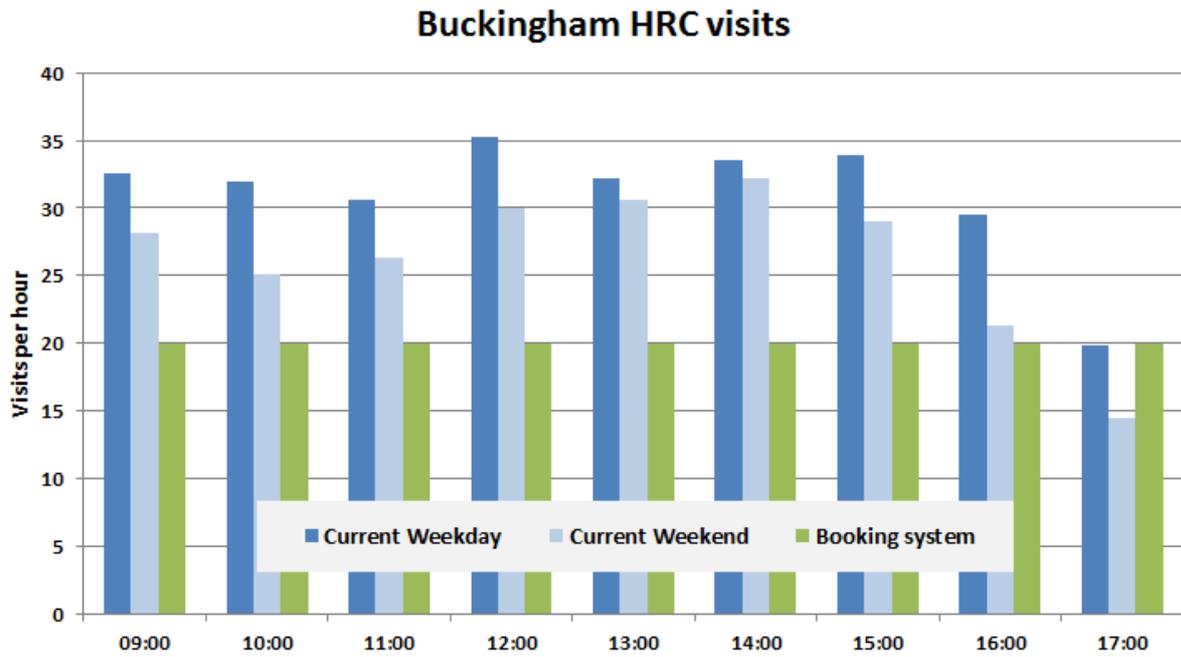
This would also mean at least two additional staff full time, plus the diversion for HRC users from the main road. The cost is prohibitive, as traffic management would be needed in place continuously. As an aside, no other sites in the county currently have traffic management.

**Booking system** - Some councils have booking systems for their HRCs. The booking systems have allocated slots and residents visit in their 10-15min window. Typically, booking systems reduce visitor numbers by about 30-40% of usual levels, which would see 400-500 fewer visits per week, making it far more difficult for local residents to dispose of their waste. In addition, at Buckingham HRC any queue is an issue. We would still have external queues with a booking system as people arrive and wait for their slot, they would also be throughout the day, as typically all slots are booked up. Whereas at present, there are quieter periods during the day, especially between 4-6pm. The graph below shows the likely impact.

**Queue camera** - Install another webcam to enable residents to see the view from the entrance down Yonder Slade. Visitors could then see if there is a queue outside before setting off. This would help reduce the busy times and spread visitors more evenly. It would rely on residents making the choice to visit another time instead of queueing, we would also heavily promote it alongside messages about being a good neighbour and respecting local businesses. There is an additional cost to this, but it would be a one off.

**Seasonality** – weather plays a part in high demand/peak use of HRCs, we usually see visitor numbers start to reduce as we head into autumn and winter. September and October months we usually start the transitional seasonal changes with visitor number reductions across all HRCs (subject to weather).

I appreciate none of the measures are ideal, however, we are in unprecedented times with social distancing restrictions. We are working with FCC to get a QueueCam fitted to the site and recommend we follow this route for now and monitor progress.



Please do get in touch if you have any questions or need further information.

Andrew Jenkins  
Waste Promotions Lead Officer  
Communities Directorate – Neighbourhood Services  
Buckinghamshire Council

Report on a Story of Buckingham

After the last EDWG meeting I attempted to contact both Michael Wood and his TV documentary company, Mayavision .

They eventually replied saying Michael was extremely busy and that the BBC had no money.

They recommended that we try and do a You tube and depending on how that went they may be able to help.

I have discussed this with Ed Grimsdale, Lauren Hutton, Louise Stubbs and Cllr Charlie Clare.

The unanimous view is that we should push on to obtain the answers of the 42 skeletons. If these were Anglo Saxon then almost certainly Michael Wood would be interested as that is his specialty period.

We will all be renewing our efforts to get some answers and thereafter to produce something more definitive for the next meeting of the EDWG.

NHM 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020