

**ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Wednesday 20 July 2022**

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**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD  
HELD ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

**Rotherham Town Deal Board**

Microsoft Teams Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 9.00am-10.15am

<p><b>Attended By:</b>  Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair)  Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL  Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD  Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF*  Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP  Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA  Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK  Paul Harper, DWP – Pha  Mike Smith, NHS – MS  Jason Austion, RNN Group – JA  Raife Gaile, Muse Developments – RF  Helen Revitt, AHR – HR  Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS  Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW  Simon Moss, RMBC – SMO  Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL  Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV  Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM  Mark Dempsey, RMBC – MD  Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC – SP  Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN</p>		<p><b>Apologies:</b>  Sarah Champion MP – SC*  Deborah Bullivant, Grimm &amp; Co – DB  Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM  Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – PHI  Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD  Phil Hayes, Roth Conf. of Communities – PH  Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK  Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ  Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC  Joe Mothersole, T&amp;T – JM  Lara Thornton, Counter Context – LT  Harriet Knowles, Counter Context - HK</p> <p><b>Observer(s):</b>  Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH</p> <p><b>Guests:</b>  Rachael Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE  Cat Davies, RIDO – CD  Rory Battye, RIDO - RB</p>
<p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board agreed to progress on Essoldo Chambers – ALL</li> <li>- Revised ToR were approved by the Board – All</li> <li>- After October Board, meetings to be on a 6-weekly cycle as agreed in the new Terms of Reference – VN</li> <li>- The official opening of the canal barrier is to be arranged for the end of August/September, details to follow – RE</li> </ul>		
45/22	<p><b>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p>	
46/22	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22 June 2022</b></p> <p>There were no outstanding actions, and the minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
47/22	<p><b>Project Updates:</b></p> <p><u>Mainline Station:</u> The meeting went ahead with Network Rail; discussions went well, and they are supportive of the project. Currently working on the Business Case and will share with the Board in August. The masterplan is to be completed in 12 months. A DFT announcement on funding is anticipated, which should give us monies for outline business case for station and tram station. All very positive.</p>	

3-7 Corporation Street: Business Case submitted, have come back with queries on BCR – awaiting formal sign off. Looking at how to get developer on the scheme.

Riverside Residential Quarter: An agreement has been reached with the major landowner; this is a massive achievement. A river wall survey will be carried out this week and we await the recommendations. A meeting with Royal Mail is to be arranged. The business case was submitted, all moving along quite well.

Templeborough: The designs are going to pre-app stage. Looking at stage 3 design. We have been made aware of a Magna tenant until 2024/25 – currently looking at options with them, but this will not hold up the project.

Essoldo Chambers: As we were unable to reach an agreement with leaseholder of Guest and Chrimes (G&C), we have explored other sites and this site appears to be a much more viable business model for the brewery, who are keen to progress, and the landowner is willing to sell. Illustrative images/designs were shown.

LV asked are the Board in agreement to move forward and put in a change request, if yes, there is a lot of work to do over the next six weeks.

NB asked are all discussions around G&C now exhausted? LV said they are, and we need agreement to move on. PW said the leaseholder has come forward with an alternative project for the building. SL said it is disappointing, but the “gem” is working with the brewery on a music venue, this concept a real addition for the town centre. G&C will live to fight another day! MS added the Essoldo looks great, but asked what is the future for G&C can the owner just “sit on” the site? PW said there are rules and regulations with regards to listed buildings through English Heritage and planning conditions apply, the owner has certain hurdles to be able to move forward, and to stop it deteriorating further.

*The Board agreed to progress on Essoldo Chambers.*

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Leisure and Cultural Quarter RB said there is not much more to update regarding acquisitions. Speaking to representatives from the **Ring Shop** after the owner’s sad passing. A provisional offer is on the table for the former **Wilko’s building**, and engagement with owner of **3-7 Corporation Street** has started. **The Banks**; the Business Case is in, reduced capacity following planner’s input, planning application to be in by September, looking at disposal of smaller Bank.

The ground investigatory study completed at **Riverside Gardens**, to receive results shortly, pre-app advice received, aiming for September Planning application to link with the Banks. Wildlife use of river was discussed. RB showed different images of signage for the gardens, to be a “selfie” destination. To also include a wildlife board possibly as part of the signage, to get schools/colleges involved.

The traffic count has been completed on **Corporation Street** and the data received, it is relatively low, traffic calming to help draw from town centre to Forge Island. Designers in place now and consultation to start.

48/22	<p><b>Programme</b></p> <p>SP provided an update in addition to individual project updates. With regards to the FBC's the spend profile is being amended and extended into 2025/26 financial year.</p>	
49/22	<p><b>Full Business Cases</b></p> <p>The Business Cases were submitted at the end of June, questions have been received seeking clarification. The remaining FBC's to be submitted by the end of August.</p> <p>JH had sent through points of clarification and some changes needed to be explained with regards to cost, these were passed to analyst/central town deal team. JH confirmed he had an update meeting with that team after this meeting ends. He added there is no timeline for getting back to us but should be relatively straight forward.</p> <p><u>Eastwood</u> MD said still working with Network Rail and other stakeholders. Aiming for end of August for submission of an outline Business Case.</p>	
50/22	<p><b>Comms &amp; Consultation</b></p> <p>RE spoke of the promotion of the Euros and the fan zones in the town centre and crowds for the Iceland game, even more expected on Saturday for Netherlands game. DL asked about feedback from businesses on impact of fans in the town and feedback from visitors. CD said they are to speak to businesses next week.</p> <p>RE said promotional banners are planned for the fencing at the markets (hoardings not suitable). Also, to meet with Muse for options for wrapping Forge Island, including full sized banners (like those on Main Street) until permanent fencing is in place.</p> <p>The official opening of the canal barrier is to be arranged for the end of August/September – details to follow.</p> <p>CD working on a 2-page article for the Chamber magazine on transforming Rotherham featuring the key schemes. RE confirmed the billboards around town will be updated following the Euros. She added the Forge Island website is to be updated.</p> <p>RE said potential for consulting with the public on some options for Riverside Gardens. Promote more on wildlife around the river as a lot of public interest, otters, but also mink and pine martens.</p>	RE
51/22	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><i>No further comments received on the revised Terms of Reference, and none made at the meeting, therefore, they were approved by the Board.</i></p> <p>Next meeting on 17th August, then move to 6-weekly cycle as agreed in new ToR.</p>	All VN
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p>	

	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	
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