Implementation of BA Business Plan 2023/24

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Progress 2022/23:

- Secured planning consent April 2022.
- Cleared judicial review May 2022
- Reached agreement with Taylor Wimpey to submit Reserved matters application
- Option Agreements (Evett lawyer advice, Lear Agent request)
- Mitigation land Agreement
- Met with various interest development parties
- Awaited confirmation of future role of council.

Priorities 2024:

1. BA to secure a relevant planning permission by means of securing a reserved matters consent for Phase 1A.

Reserved Matters application submitted autumn 2023. Design Code approval anticipated February 2024, Reserved Matters approval expect July 2024.

2. BA to invite Taylor Wimpey to implement Phase 1A to protect the Woodlands planning consent.

Taylor Wimpey currently awaiting Reserved Matters approval. Latest forecast is commencement of Woodlands Roundabout (Phase 1A in Autumn 2024 with completion in 2025/26.

3. BA to agree a disposal strategy with the Evett family following grant of a relevant planning permission, to include determining the role that Buckinghamshire Council may wish to undertake going forward and to appoint a development partner to lead the implementation of the Woodlands project.

BA has agreed to the principle of deferral of their marketing and disposal obligations under the Evett Promotion Agreement in favour of Buckinghamshire Council leading and committing HIF funds to Woodlands infrastructure delivery. BA/Evett agreement expected February 2024. Buckinghamshire Council commencement of marketing of the site to follow shortly after.

4. Once a development lead is agreed and appointed BA will meet to determine whether to continue or dissolve.

Development Partner expected to be appointed Autumn 2024 at which point BA to reconcile its finances and decide on future governance arrangements.

5. In parallel with BA activity Buckinghamshire Council will determine the cost of the ELR, agree upon its future role in respect of Woodlands delivery including its contractual commitment for the delivery of the ELR and assist BA in finding the appropriate development partner.

As above.

Governance:

The company continues on a single project (task and finish) basis.

Governance does require updating though all company resource is current focused towards project delivery.

Finances:

BA has sufficient finances to meet likely revenue costs of the year ahead see appendix 1. Additional funds will be required to meet option and mitigation land lease costs though these are scheme costs and BA is not contractually committed to bare them.

BA continue to have sufficient funds to discharge its core function but not to take on new obligations not to meet future costs relating to tax compliance unless a successful of Woodlands occurs and is enable to charge the land owner for services provided under the Promotion Agreement.