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BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION SUBCOMMITTEE

A meeting of the Bognor Regis Regeneration Subcommittee will be held in **The Council Chamber, Bognor Regis Town Hall on Monday 22 June 2015 at 6.00 p.m.** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Hitchins (Chairman), Bence (Vice-Chairman), Ambler, Bower, Mrs Brown, Mrs Maconachie, Maconachie, Mrs Madeley and Wells

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial/pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

You should declare your interest by stating :

- a) the item you have the interest in
- b) whether it is a personal interest and the nature of the interest
- c) whether it is also a prejudicial/pecuniary interest
- d) if it is a prejudicial/pecuniary interest, whether you will be exercising your right to speak under Question Time

You then need to re-declare your prejudicial/pecuniary interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

- 3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2015 (attached).

4 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5 START TIMES

To consider the start times of meetings for the remainder of 2015/16.

6 PRESENTATION BY ROMY JONES, UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER

As parts of its ambitious expansion plans, the University of Chichester has received an £8m award from the Growth Fund towards an Engineering and Digital Park. Romy Jones from the University will be in attendance to give a presentation on what this will mean for the University and Bognor Regis.

7 BOGNOR REGIS TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the public realm scheme being delivered in Bognor Regis town centre.

8 BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION POSITION STATEMENT

To receive and note the Bognor Regis Regeneration Position Statement.

(Note: *Indicates report is attached for all Members of the Subcommittee only and the press (excluding exempt items). Copies of reports can be obtained on request from the Committee Manager or from the Council's web site at www.arun.gov .

Note: Members are also reminded that if they have any detailed questions, would they please inform the Chairman and/or relevant Lead Officer in advance of the meeting).

BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION SUBCOMMITTEE

2 March 2015 at 6.00 pm

Present: - Councillors Bence (Chairman), Hitchins (Vice-Chairman), Brooks, Mrs Brown, Evans and Mrs Maconachie.

14. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs Madeley.

The Chairman requested to have his thanks passed onto all Officers who had supported the Sub-Committee over the last four years recorded in the Minutes.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Monitoring Officer has advised Members of interim arrangements to follow when making declarations of interest. They have been advised that for the reasons explained below, they should make their declarations on the same basis as the former Code of Conduct using the descriptions of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Reasons

- The Council has adopted the government's example for a new local code of conduct, but new policies and procedures relating to the new local code are yet to be considered and adopted.
- Members have not yet been trained on the provisions of the new local code of conduct.
- The definition of Pecuniary Interests is narrower than the definition of Prejudicial Interests, so by declaring a matter as a Prejudicial Interest, that will cover the requirement to declare a Pecuniary Interest in the same matter.

Where a Member declares a "Prejudicial Interest" this will, in the interests of clarity for the public, be recorded in the Minutes as a Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interest.

Councillors Brooks declared a general Personal Interest in all of the items on the agenda as a Member of the Bognor Regis Pier Trust and as a voting member of Arun Arts.

16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2014 were approved by the Sub-Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. BUSINESS SUPPORT AND ENTERPRISE IN ARUN

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Business Development Manager which provided an update on the range of activities that were taking place to support businesses and enterprise across the District.

The Business Development Manager explained that as a vast range of business support and enterprise services continued to be progressed and that some of these were new initiatives, it was therefore proposed that an update report on these activities be brought to the Sub-Committee on a regular basis to keep Members updated on the range of services being provided to the business community. It was outlined that this report was the first baseline report which would be updated for future meetings.

The Business Development Manager then worked through each of the current projects and services set out in the report and updates were provided on:

- **The Arun Business Partnership** – this delivered a range of services to local companies and each of these was explained, as set out in the report. The Chairman asked if the dates of Regeneration Sub-Committee meetings could be announced at future meetings of the Business Partnership allowing local businesses to attend these meetings to hear about the numerous projects that were developing.

The Business Development Manager provided some updates on the following services that were being provided to local companies within the Arun Business partnership – these were:

Worklessness – The Council was working alongside the Department of Work & Employment in gaining work experience placements to 18-24 year olds. This work was been undertaken by the company, Connects Media, that was working alongside the Council to look after the Business Partnership. As part of this work, a placement had been made within the Economic Development team for a period of 2 months with that person assisting the team in updating and contacting business. It was explained that the DWP had been delighted with the Council's approach to this work and that all targets had been met and so the Council had been invited to bid for a second year to continue this project. This was being progressed, The response from businesses had also been massively positive as some good work placements had been made often developing into permanent roles being offered to those taking part.

Learning Events – a great opportunity had been developed with The Body Shop resulting in a new project that was about to be launched called ‘Lunch and Learn’. Another event being developed was in association with the Council’s Arun Charter which encouraged all businesses to get involved with regeneration and gain Contracts with some of the District’s larger companies. An Arun District Council event had been held about 18 months ago and due to its success this was would be repeated on a larger scale in June 2015 at Fontwell Racecourse and would be called “Meet the Buyer” involving all neighbouring authorities along the coastal strip and the NHS.

The Chairman thanked the Business Development Manager for providing such an enthusiastic report and asked to have recorded, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, his thanks for the brilliant work that had been undertaken to date.

The Sub-Committee then noted the contents of the report.

18. ENTERPRISE BOGNOR REGIS

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Head of Economic Regeneration which provided an update on the detail and progress of Enterprise Bognor Regis (EBR) and the next steps in its development.

The Head of Economic Regeneration outlined that as EBR was such a significant project, it had been decided that it would be easier to set out some of the detail of recent activities within a separate report to Members instead of including this within the regular Regeneration Position Statement.

The report before Members set out how various stages of the project were progressing. The importance of the site was highlighted and in the context that this was the largest commercial site for development in the Coastal West Sussex area. EBR comprised four adjoining sites that could support a mix of business accommodation for advance manufacturing; warehousing; offices and small business/studio units. Each of these had been set out within the report and were explained in more detail to Members.

The Head of Economic Regeneration outlined that the Council was currently preparing a Local Development Order (LDO) covering sites 1, 2 and 3 which would grant permitted development rights for new business-related development and would allow owner-occupiers and developers to benefit from an accelerated and simplified planning process. Members were advised that work on this was within the closing stages of completion and that a report proposing the LOD would be submitted to the Development control Committee taking place on 25 March 2015 with recommendations then being presented for approval by Full Council in July 2015. Statutory consultation would then commence after that prior to final adoption in September 2015.

An update was then provided on the Enterprise Zone proposal. The Council had met with the Coast to Capital LEP last week and had been asked

to redraft its previous application and so this application was still a very serious proposition.

Looking at Transport Infrastructure it was reported that massive progress was being made locally. Transport infrastructure had always previously been a barrier to any future development but the opening of the first part of the Bognor Regis Relief Road and soon the second, along with funding coming forward for the A29 and A27, it was agreed that the fruition of these infrastructure projects would provide a very positive message for EBR.

Finally, the Head of Economic Regeneration stated that the Council would continue to drive forward the successful implementation of EBR and she outlined what the key priorities in progressing this work would be.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Economic Regeneration for providing the Sub-Committee with a very encouraging report and especially after so many years of bad news and following the many difficulties that the Council had faced in moving forward regeneration projects. It was acknowledged that the exciting prospects outlined in the report had been a result of years of hard work and partnership working.

The Committee then noted the contents of the report and the updates provided to the meeting.

19. HOTHAM PARK CAFÉ PROJECT, BOGNOR REGIS

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Senior Regeneration Officer which provided an update on the development and progress of the Hotham Park Café in Bognor Regis. The report also provided detail on how other ancillary projects were developing within the Park.

The Senior Regeneration Officer reminded Members that this was a significant project that the Council was funding as a new regeneration asset for Bognor Regis. The Sub-Committee was advised that it was anticipated that the café would open in June 2015 and that the construction and design of the café had been undertaken using all local contractors.

As Members had always been clear that the cafe should open in the evenings, it had been necessary for the Council to very carefully consider providing a safely lit pedestrian route to and from the café. It had originally been envisaged that evening opening would be a later phase of the café's operation, however, the Senior Regeneration Officer was pleased to be able to report that the café operator had recently informed the Council that it planned to open in the evenings from the outset. In response to this, a high quality bespoke lighting design, sympathetic to the heritage nature of the park, had been created which would allow users of the café to arrive and leave the café safely in hours of darkness. It was anticipated that the lighting, which had now been tendered and costed, would be operational to coincide with the opening of the café.

Another initiative coming forward was a proposal to make the park more accessible and welcoming to leisure cyclists. The Leisure, Tourism and Infrastructure Working Group, at its meeting held on 5 February 2015, had considered proposals for cycle paths to be utilised for a two year trial period. The Sub-Committee was advised that these proposals had formed a series of recommendations which Full Council would consider on 11 March 2015.

Finally, the Sub-Committee was advised that press releases were being prepared as key milestones of the project were achieved and that the café had also been advertised in this year's Sussex by the Sea Visitor Guide.

In discussing the update report provided, Members praised the progress that had been made in moving this project forward. Some comments were made about the café's location, in that some of the concerns that had been expressed by the public earlier had been turned to positive comments as it was felt that the revised location of the café blended in very well with the rest of the park. Members stated that they very much looked forward to the café opening and that this would provide a real boost for the park and the Town during the tourist season.

The Sub-Committee stated that the supply of safely lit pedestrian routes to and from the café was essential and would boost trade in the evenings. One Member of the Sub-Committee referred to the funding that the Council had allocated to this project and he hoped that some of this had been able to fund the lighting part of the project and that there was sufficient funds remaining to fund the landscaping around the café. That Member hoped that the café would be profitable, though he still had concerns about its location and the amount of rent that the Council proposed to charge. The Head of Economic Regeneration was asked if the budget allocated to the project had been fully spent and she responded stating that she would ensure that this information would be provided to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee then noted the contents of the report.

20. BEACH ON THE BEACH PROJECT, BOGNOR REGIS

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Senior Regeneration Officer which provided an update on the concept detail, delivery route and progress for the Beach on the Beach project which sought to provide a new attraction for the seafront at Bognor Regis.

The Sub-Committee was reminded that this project would provide a new sand play area for small children based on the seafront at Bognor Regis. Cabinet, at its meeting held on 9 February 2015, had approved funding for this one year pilot project which had been funded from corporate identified underspends for 2014/2015.

Members were advised that this was a trial project which would be reviewed at the end of November 2015. Officers were making best

endeavours to have the project ready to launch during the Easter school holidays.

Having received this update, some Members of the Sub-Committee expressed concern about the Council's proposals to use decking material to cover the sandpit when not in use. This was because decking materials when covered in frost or dampened by rain often became very slippery. Members did not want accidents to occur which might shine a negative cloud over what they saw as a great idea for the Town.

Looking positively at the project, some Members felt that more seating should be provided to further enhance use of the facility. The Senior Regeneration Officer outlined that if the budget and time allocated to this project allowed for this, it would be considered, though the project was time limited to ensure an opening for this Easter. Potentially, Stage 2 of the project would look to see if there was a need to install the enhancements suggested by the Sub-Committee.

Finally, in looking at the location of the sandpit, which was on the seafront to the west of the Bullnose, opposite the western end of Place St Maur, a question was asked about whether this would mean that concessions in that area would need to be relocated? The Senior Regeneration Officer stated that she would look into this query and would provide an answer to the Sub-Committee.

21. BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION POSITION STATEMENT

The Economic Development Manager (EDM) presented the Position Statement and comment was made on the following:-

- **Regis and Hothampton Sites** – An advert had now been placed in the local press regarding the next round of consultation and how this would take place. There would be a series of further adverts placed in the press explaining the process.
- **Town Centre Initiatives** – Remedial work in London Road and construction work at Station Square had started.
- **Seafront Strategy** – This was moving forward as scheduled.
- **University of Chichester** – The University's investment news had now been confirmed.
- **Butlins** – An update was still awaited from Butlins. At the moment they were still considering their future investment in the area.
- **Old Town Creative Hub** – An initiative from West Sussex County Council called "Making Bognor Regis Better" was looking at ideas to create a digital and creative quarter – these were still embryonic details.
- **Railway Station** - Conversations were continuing about improvement.
- **Transport and Car Parking** – It was confirmed that the advert for the Traffic Regulation Order for London Road had gone out. The Council was now waiting for WSCC to take this forward.

- **BT Building, Gloucester Road** – no further update provided.

The Sub-Committee in noting the remainder of the report thanked the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hitchins, for the time and effort he had given to talk and liaise with traders in Station Road and London Road about improvement ideas. Such discussion had confirmed that they were all in favour of the continuance of the public realm improvements.

(The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.)

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF BOGNOR REGIS REGENERATION SUB COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2015

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Bognor Regis Town Centre Public Realm Scheme

REPORT AUTHOR: Caroline Gosford **DATE:** 8th June 2015 **EXTN:** 37854

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The purpose of this report is to update Members on the public realm scheme being delivered in Bognor Regis town centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Sub Committee notes the information within the report

1. BACKGROUND:

1. Project Scope and History

The scope for the public realm design was to create a strong pedestrian route from the railway station to the seafront. It would be pedestrian-led, high quality and distinctive, and be robust enough for the harsh marine environment. Key aims were to attract more and higher-spending visitors to the town centre and make them want to come back again, also to make them want to stay longer and therefore probably spend more. It was also to encourage town centre businesses to improve the quality of the appearance of their premises and raise their offer and service level.

Arun District Council made the decision to pay for the design of a public realm scheme linking the railway station to the seafront. A Members' Project Group was formed with representation from Town, District and County Councils, and this group was involved in all decision-making aspects of the project development from creating a design brief, tendering for, and appointment of landscape designers, a stakeholder workshop to advise the key design criteria, comments on the draft concept design, public consultation in March 2013 and finalising the scheme concept design. No specific design could be created for the High Street because there was an unresolved West Sussex County Council traffic flows project which could have resulted in a range of options from the road being re-opened to two-way traffic, to the road being completely closed to traffic.

The public consultation indicated extremely high levels of support for the concept design, and that the priority for delivery was the London Road precinct.

The scheme was approved by Arun DC in April 2013.

2. Funding

Funding of £644k for the scheme design, professional fees, topographic and geophysical surveys and construction of Phase 1 in the London Road precinct came from West Sussex County Council's Kickstart Fund, Sainsbury's Section 106 funds, Arun District Council,

Bognor Regis Town Council and Portas Pilot funding. Subsequently a successful application was made to the Coastal Communities Fund for £1.65m to deliver five further phases before the end of 2016.

3. Progress to date

3.1 Phase 1: London Road

Construction started in February 2014 and was completed in July 2014. Businesses remained open throughout the works and are generally positive about the new public realm. Traders' survey results from September 2014 indicate increased levels of business confidence from those businesses in the precinct when compared to those from other areas of the town centre. The new public realm has also generated significant private investment; there have been internal and external shop refits to around 6 units within the precinct resulting in improved quality of appearance and offer.

As with all construction projects, snagging works have been undertaken to resolve identified defects, and remedial works put in hand to address issues arising once the new public realm design was back in full use after construction. This is a perfectly normal process with major construction works.

In parallel with the construction, a change to the existing Traffic Regulation Order was proposed which aims to make the precinct traffic-free during core shopping hours of 9am to 5pm. Both the public and traders were formally surveyed to ask their opinion about such a change, and both were extremely supportive. The proposed changes have gone through consultation and been approved, and signage and implementation of the new regulations will be within 2-5 months.

A key feature of the public realm design is the ability to host large scale events within the precinct. Since completion, the Town Centre Manager has hosted three high quality markets within the precinct, and the pre-Christmas 2014 events run by the Town Council included a funfair within the precinct. Anecdotal evidence from traders indicate increased footfall on market days, and record spends in precinct businesses from the pre-Christmas events. Informal research by market stall holders indicates an increase in people from the affluent ABC1 socio-economic class visiting the town and the markets.

3.2 Phase 2: Station Square

The concept design was amended to include more planting to enhance this key gateway to the town. Surrounding businesses were very positive about the design and uplifting impact the new high quality public square will have on this part of the town.

There was a delayed start to this phase caused by market changes within the construction industry as it was suddenly in demand again as the country came out of recession and investment started to come forward. This led to reduced numbers of tendering companies and soaring prices for both building works and professional fees. Like for like building costs rose approximately 50% between Oct 2013 and 2014, and professional fees rose around 100% in the same period. This led to the need for repeated value engineering, redesign and retendering which delayed the start of the project. Work was put off until after Christmas to avoid conflict with traders, and started in early February, and it will be complete by early summer. To create a sense of arrival in Bognor Regis, images redolent of Bognor Regis will be sand-blasted into the granite sides and tops of planters.

This project was instrumental in brokering a strong relationship with Southern Rail (they lease the Station Square land from Network Rail) which has led directly to the planned railway station redevelopment. With the investment coming forward for the Picturedrome Cinema, and a planned internal and external refit of the Station Pub which opens onto Station Square, this corner of Bognor Regis has a bright future.

4. Future phases

The much-increased costs of construction work and associated fees means that the funding from Coastal Communities Fund is insufficient to deliver all remaining phases as set out in the bid. The Project Board considered this situation and agreed that maintaining a high quality standard is a prerequisite of all future public realm works. They also considered which phases should be delivered with the available budget, and have prioritised Phase 3 in Station Road/Upper London Road which joins the two existing phases in Station Square and London Road precinct together.

The balance of the funding may be allocated to enhancing street furniture as part of the West Sussex County Council traffic flows project in the High Street (see below) which continues the public realm scheme towards the seafront should the County Council request this.

This means that the York Road and Morrison's phases will not be delivered due to unprecedented increases on construction costs and professional fees unless additional funds can be secured from the Coastal Communities Fund. The Place St Maur tiered mound phase is also omitted because of uncertainty around the adjacent development site.

4.1 Phase 3: Station Road and Upper London Road

This phase will join the two existing phases at Station Square and London Road, and provide a more pedestrian-friendly route by widening pavements, and changing materials and levels at crossing points and junctions. The detailed design is in line with the concept design and is currently being worked up in liaison with County Council Highways officers. Businesses on the route were informally surveyed in August 2014 and were unanimously supportive of public realm improvements in this area.

4.2 Phase 6a: High Street improvements

This is a West Sussex County Council traffic flows project with allocated funding of £450k and a current programmed start on site date of January 2016.

This project will provide the large raised table junction where High Street meets the London Road precinct as featured in the public realm concept design, removal of the Sun Sculpture and joining up of the paving to the precinct. It will also include a new, narrower road surface, widened pavements and new street furniture to the east of the precinct. All materials have been chosen to complement to those used in London Road precinct.

The remaining Coastal Communities Fund monies could enable the new street furniture scheme to be extended beyond the traffic flows project which ends at York Road to the western side. Details are still to be confirmed, and confirmation will also be required from County Council that they wish to use the Coastal Communities Fund monies for this purpose.

6. The remainder of the public realm scheme

The public realm access from the seafront via the Esplanade, across Place St Maur to the southern end of The Arcade and York Road at Belmont Street remains an integral part of the development of the Regis Centre/Place St Maur site.

To deliver the York Road and Morrison's phases, additional Coastal Communities Fund funding will be sought from DCLG, or applications made to new rounds of the Coastal Communities Fund and other sources.

Bognor Regis Regeneration Position Statement

Project/Opportunity	Update June 2015
<p>1. Enterprise Bognor Regis Enterprise Bognor Regis (EBR) comprises a series of commercial/industrial sites located north of Bognor Regis straddling the A29. The aim is to make the sites ready and attractive for early development to accelerate business and employment growth</p>	<p>Work has started on site for the new Rolls-Royce Motor Car Technology and Logistics Centre. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Informal consultation on the Local Development Order has now ended. Formal consultation will start in August after the Full Council meeting. A brochure has been published to promote the sites and development opportunities.</p>
<p>2. Regis and Hothampton sites The Council owns two key regeneration sites at the Regis Centre and Hothampton car park and is seeking to develop them to obtain the maximum benefit for the town.</p>	<p>The initial call for proposals generated 14 wide ranging responses that can be viewed at www.arun.gov.uk/bognorregisregeneration A separate public consultation exercise included all elements mentioned in the 14 submissions. All the results and submissions will go to Full Council for consideration in July.</p>
<p>3. Town Centre Initiatives A vibrant and appealing town centre offer of shops, public realm and events is a key draw for both residents and visitors. Work to deliver this in partnership with Town Centre Manager and Bognor Regis Town Council.</p>	<p>London Road public realm snagging and remedial works underway, with clean and seal after May half term; weather permitting. Station Square public realm works on target to complete by early summer. Station Road/London Road design coming forward. WSCC High Street traffic flows work planned for January 2016 start. Town centre manager ran a successful, high quality 6 day Easter Food market, and another similar market in May half term week</p>
<p>4. Seafront Strategy The Seafront Strategy was adopted in 2009. It maps the existing seafront, and sets out an action plan to improve and enhance what is the jewel in the Bognor Regis crown. The plan covers public realm, seafront businesses and attractions</p>	<p>Beach on the Beach sandpit for small children opened by Easter 2015 and very well-received. Other Seafront Strategy work to be planned in once resource is available.</p>
<p>5. University of Chichester The University has a campus in both Chichester and Bognor Regis, with strong links with the wider regeneration of Bognor Regis. It has ambitious plans for campus expansion and provides facilities for businesses such as hot-desking, meeting space and incubator units.</p>	<p>Engineering and Digital Park awarded £8m from Growth Fund; contributions also needed from HEFCE/investors. This will enable a broadening of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects offered by the University.</p>

<p>6. Butlin's Butlin's has transformed much of their accommodation from chalets into modern hotels. This has changed the type of customer coming to Butlin's, and also what they want to do on holiday. Butlin's are an active partner in the wider regeneration of the town</p>	<p>Currently awaiting an update from Butlin's</p>
<p>7. Hotham Park – new café The Park previously benefited from Heritage Lottery funding that transformed facilities and layout. A new, high quality, year-round café is planned for the Park, and in the interim an Arun DC concessions sells snack food during summer daytime</p>	<p>Café build close to completion and the building is fitting in very well to unique park environment. Operator fit-out progressing well and opening planned in June. Lighting scheme operational. Opening celebration event planned for July.</p>
<p>8. Old Town Creative Hub The Old Town area around Norfolk Street is becoming the creative hub of the town. Privately funded development work underway will enhance the appearance and offer of the area. The provision of artists' display and workspace brings vibrancy and different footfall to the town</p>	<p>WSCC propose the "Make Bognor Regis Better" creative arts quarter initiative for this area which has good synergy with the proposals put forward by the local business community late last year. Funding application for c £10,000 made jointly with Pier Trust for "Heritage Quarter" branding of this area.</p>
<p>9. Railway Station The Station occupies a key gateway position in the town. It is a listed building, in poor repair and with vacant commercial opportunities, and is an identified site for improvement</p>	<p>Detailed design plans for refurbishment of the Station coming forward from Southern Rail. The vision is to protect and enhance the heritage of the listed building while making it fit for the 21st century. Co-ordination is in place between this project and Station Square public realm</p>
<p>10. Transport and Car Parking Transport is a key element of development within the town as is car parking, and it is essential to ensure co-ordination with, and consideration of these issues as part of the development process</p>	<p>Proposed Traffic Regulation Order to make London Road precinct traffic-free 9am - 5pm approved. Signage and go-live within 2-5 months. The new Free Parking discs including Hothampton car park have sold nearly 20,000 discs and discs have been reordered.</p>
<p>11. BT Building, Gloucester Road The BT Exchange Building sits at a key gateway to the town. The building is unattractive and poorly maintained, and the grounds overgrown. This is particularly obvious as work has been done to uplift the appearance of the surrounding area</p>	<p>Redecoration of windows and gloss-work on outside of building has improved its appearance immeasurably. Meadow planting is being repeated this year to improve the appearance of the grounds around the exchange</p>