



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Stroud District Council
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	25 November 2021

### BRIEF REPORT:

#### **1 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this Information Sheet is to update members on the current position with the redevelopment of Brimscombe Port following the last update to committee, which was provided in November 2021.

#### **2 Demolition contract**

2.2 As reported in November, Haywood Crushing Demolition Ltd (HCD) started demolition works on 25 October 2021. Asbestos stripping commenced w/c 29 November 2021. An incident occurred at on 14 December 2021, whereby the approved method of asbestos removal was not followed by the council's demolition contractor. An immediate investigation was initiated and on 16 December, and the incident was reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as a further precautionary measure. All work on removing asbestos from the site was paused on 16 December and the site closed on 22 December 2021.

2.3 The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspector has now stated that he is satisfied with how the contractor responded and their conclusions that there was little or no risk to people outside the site boundary. The HSE is planning no further action. The council's independent asbestos specialist has made recommendations, which the contractor is acting on.

2.4 Demolition works excluding asbestos removal has recommenced, with removal of non-licensed asbestos starting once an amended plan of works is agreed, taking into account recommendations from the investigations.

2.5 In line with the planned programme, a licensed contractor, TES Environmental Services Ltd has been appointed to remove the licensed asbestos. All licensable work has been notified to the appropriate enforcing authority, the HSE, and works will commence imminently.

2.6 The application of a Flood Risk Activity Permit from the Environment Agency is underway which is required in order to carry out demolition works, other than asbestos strip, within 8m of the River Frome.



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2.7 The demolition work is still programmed to complete by April this year.

#### 3 Procurement of a Developer

3.1 Following the publication of the Contract Notice on the 28 October 2021, an encouraging number of interested parties have expressed their interest by completing the Selection Questionnaire as the first stage of the procurement process. These submissions are in the process of being evaluated based on the set criteria to create a shortlist of bidders to take through to the next stage.

3.2 The short listed bidders will then be taken through the dialogue process before being asked to submit their final tenders. The whole process is due to be completed by June 2022, subject to suitable bids being submitted.

#### 4 Current Estimated Key Milestones

Activity	Estimated date
Demolition complete	Apr 2022
Approval to appoint developer partner	May 2022
Development Agreement Completed	Jun 2022
Infrastructure can start	Jun 2022
Planning application submission	Jan 2023
Commencement of redevelopment	Oct 2023
Completion of redevelopment	Oct 2025

#### 5 Community Engagement & Comms Plan

5.1 A drop in session was held on the 17 November 2021 at The Ship Inn Brimscombe, attended by officers and members, to have informal discussions about the project and answer any queries or concerns local residents had. This was attended by 32 members of the public with people showing overall support for the project.

5.2 The leaflet that was delivered to every household in the Parish, inviting people to sign up for updates, has enabled a list to be created of people the council can communicate with about the project as the scheme progresses.

5.3 The Project Team continues to meet with the Parish Council on a monthly basis to update them on progress and to focus on the vision for the community facility within the development.



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5.4 Regular letters are being posted to the local residents and the schools to update them on activity on the Port as the demolition works continue. This has also included a letter advising them of the recent incident regarding the removal of asbestos with the aim of keeping them informed and to reassure them.

<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	10 March 2022
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Leonie Lockwood
<b>DATE</b>	10 January 2022