



NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING	Full Council
MEETING DATE	16 th July 2026
SUBJECT	Report from the KGV Working Party meeting held 2 nd June 2026
AGENDA ITEM NO.	26/27-18a
REPORT BY	Sally Griffiths, Office Manager, Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council

01 REPORT:

The Working Party discussed its disappointment regarding the perceived challenges in communication between members and the representatives of Groundwork East during the development of the KGV Feasibility Study. Members expressed frustration that their vision for the project had not been effectively translated into the final proposals and that the process had not felt sufficiently councillor-led.

Members acknowledged that these difficulties were not specifically attributable to any fault on the part of either the Working Party or Groundwork East. However, it was agreed that communication could have been improved through more regular face-to-face engagement between the contractor and Working Party members. Consequently, the Working Party considered that future projects should include a requirement for a number of scheduled meetings between working parties and appointed contractors to facilitate clearer communication and understanding throughout the project lifecycle.

The Working Party reviewed the KGV Feasibility Study Report and agreed that the sections relating to the Community Consultation could be released publicly. However, members did not support the publication of the subsequent sections containing the draft proposals and associated costings. It was considered that these proposals had not been formally endorsed by the Working Party and did not adequately reflect the outcomes of members' discussions throughout the project. Members further expressed concern that publication of the draft proposals at this stage could create unrealistic expectations, both positive and negative, within the local community regarding the future development of the site. Accordingly, it was agreed that only the Community Consultation elements of the report should be released at this time.

As a next step, members agreed that a comprehensive breakdown of available funding should be obtained before any further decisions are made. This information should detail the sources and amounts of funding currently available, together with any restrictions or conditions attached to their use, to enable informed consideration of future options for the project.

02 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Note the comments of the KGV Working Party regarding communication and project governance.

MOTION: Approve the release of the Community Consultation elements of the KGV Feasibility Study Report produced by Groundwork East.



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MOTION: Commission a detailed funding breakdown, including funding sources, available balances, and associated restrictions, prior to considering any further proposals for the project, with delegated authority given to the Clerk to complete the necessary enquiries.

Implications (completed by the Acting Clerk)	
Staffing Implications	Co-ordination, arrangement of works and overseeing, will be completed in normal working hours
Council objectives	Meets the objective of managing parish assets
Equalities and human rights	Equality and human rights issues have been considered
Crime & Disorder	Crime and disorder have been considered
Biodiversity	Biodiversity issues have been considered
Financial	Agreement will result in expenditure from earmarked reserves.
Legal	Local Government Act 1894, Section 8 (1) (i) to execute any works (including works of maintenance or improvement) incidental to or consequential on the exercise of any of the foregoing powers, or in relation to any parish property, not being property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity;
Risk Management	Material risks exist and these will be assessed prior to works carried out. Insurances and all other documents from contractors will be retained