

## Question to the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration on Agenda Item 10

### **Background:**

Section 9 of your paper states that there are *“No significant identified risks”* and that *“All risks will be considered and managed at programme and project level”*

First a few points as background to my question:

1. I am not aware that the Council or the Cabinet have reviewed any new masterplan with indicative delivery dates since the previous project was cancelled in February 2021.
2. The Local Plan contains no information on the Bulbeck Car Park site and has not yet been approved by the Planning Inspector.
3. The ‘Levelling Up Fund Lookbook’ by Fabrik has been presented to the Inspector as a masterplan for Havant Town Regeneration.
4. The Fabrik ‘Masterplan’ contains a high level timeline which sets a public expectation of delivery dates.
5. That timeline shows planning permission being granted for the Bulbeck Road site, with developers procured and traffic management impacts identified, by the end of December this year.
6. The timeline continues, showing the site cleared for development during the first 3 months of next year, with development beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Achievement of planning approval for Meridian Place, procurement of demolition contractor and developers and relocation of existing businesses and tenants are shown during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter retail peak, next year.
8. Long term commitment to Havant by, for example, Wilkinsons and WH Smith, is completely dependent on availability of suitable relocation space and timely delivery to plan.

### **My question:**

With reference to Section 9 of the paper *“Havant Regeneration Programme”* and to the points outlined above, would the Cabinet agree with you that there are *“No significant identified risks”* at the Programme level?