

# Greater Thetford Development Partnership Planning and Projects Sub Group Update 21 April 2017

## Project identification

The Greater Thetford Development Partnership Planning & Projects sub-group met on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. This was the first meeting for nearly 6 months to consider the outcome of the recent round of GTDP Board away days on the future work of the sub-group.

To date, the P&P sub-group has concentrated on the drafting of a delivery plan that identifies projects that are being actively pursued.

The away day sessions identified a number of project priorities, and it was requested that the P&P sub-group to look at strategic infrastructure projects serving the Greater Thetford Area.

Rather than simply restate infrastructure projects which are already either planned or underway, the P&P sub-group discussed how best to inform the Board's knowledge base on key themes which would help facilitate discussion on project formation and prioritisation.

As a first step, a piece of work has been undertaken by the P&P sub-group, using Green Infrastructure (GI) as a case study, as it has relevance to a number of the Board's key strategic objectives.

## Findings

The consideration of GI identifies that a large body of evidence exists, but there is limited knowledge of both the existence and content of this evidence base. It is also clear that no single 'definitive' report exists which represents the position of the GTDP on this important theme.

There is real benefit to collate a comprehensive list of evidence studies and review these to formulate a clear position statement on Green Infrastructure by the GTDP Board and to identify potential projects for delivery, leading towards decisions on which projects to back.

As a technical group, the P&P sub-group are well placed to identify evidence sources and potential projects within them.

## Recommendations

- The P&P sub-group expand the review of the existing evidence base to cover further key themes. The P&P sub-group to suggest further themes for the Board that warrant further evidence review.
- Board to agree how potential projects should be considered by the GTDP, to develop and deliver priorities.
- A review of the P&P sub-groups terms of reference be undertaken.