

## **Growing Baldock Advisory Forum**

### **Meeting note – 11 June 2026**

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Growing Baldock update
3. Local update from Forum members
4. Transport and COMET modelling update
5. Priorities and next steps
6. Social value – local ideas and opportunities

#### **Summary of discussion**

##### **Growing Baldock update**

U&C provided an update on progress with the Growing Baldock outline planning application. The Forum was reminded that the application was under consideration by North Herts Council and updated on the work taking place following consultation feedback. The discussion also provided an opportunity to raise questions on the proposals and next steps.

##### **Local update from Forum members**

Forum members shared local updates and matters of interest. Allotment provision was among the community issues raised. Members were encouraged to continue sharing local feedback and issues with the Growing Baldock team between Forum meetings.

##### **Transport and COMET modelling update**

U&C provided an update on transport work and the COMET modelling. The discussion covered the modelling process and findings, traffic flows and implications for Baldock town centre, sustainable travel and the continuing development of transport proposals through the Design Code process.

The update included consideration of measures intended to reduce through traffic and rat-running, including the North Road–Royston Road link, the proposed one-way shuttle beneath the railway bridge and new or improved signalised junctions.

Further information on the COMET work and supporting transport report was available through the Growing Baldock Transport Update uploaded to the website.

##### **Priorities and next steps**

The Forum discussed priorities as the project moves forward, including continued engagement with local stakeholders and opportunities to provide further information as the planning and design work develops.

##### **Social value**

The group was invited to consider how Growing Baldock could deliver additional social value locally. Areas for consideration included community initiatives and partnerships, employment and skills opportunities, environmental initiatives and ways of supporting existing local groups. U&C will continue discussions with local stakeholders so that future activity can respond to local needs and priorities.

## **Next steps**

- Continue to share updates on the planning application and transport work with Forum members.
- Continue engagement on local priorities and issues raised by members.
- Develop opportunities for local social value activity in discussion with community stakeholders.
- Reconvene the Advisory Forum for a future update.