

HISTON ROAD LOCAL LIAISON FORUM: MINUTES

Date: Monday, 12th December 2016

Time: 18.35 – 19.40

Place: Shirley Primary School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge

Present: Cambridgeshire County Councillor
David Jenkins, Histon and Impington

Cambridge City Councillors

Mike Todd-Jones, Arbury (Chairman)

Residents' Association Representatives

David Bailey, Richmond Road Residents' Association

Anna Crutchley; Benson Area Residents' Association

Kay Harris, Hawks-Campkin Road Residents' Association

Vivek Iyer, Darwin Erasmus Akeman Residents' Association.

Ann Mullinger, Windsor Road Residents' Association

Margaret Reynolds, Oxford Road Residents' Association

Lilian Rundblad; Histon Road Area Residents' Association (Vice-Chair)

Mary Wheeler, Windsor Road Residents' Association

Officers

Cambridgeshire County Council

Amy Barnett, Interim Project Manager

Stuart Walmsley, Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery

Ruth Yule, Democratic Services Officer

WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff, consultants

Neil Poulton, Associate Director

Also in attendance

Vanessa Kelly, Cycling Projects Officer, CCC

Apologies: County and City Councillor John Hipkin, Castle
County Councillors Mike Mason, Histon and Impington; Paul Sales, Arbury
City Councillors Marie-Louise Holland, Castle; Carina O'Reilly, Arbury;
Charlotte Perry, Arbury

1. WELCOME – LLF MEMBERSHIP AND CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP / APOLOGIES

Local Liaison Forum (LLF) members and officers introduced themselves, and the Chairman apologised for the delayed start to the meeting, caused by adverse traffic conditions. Apologies were noted as listed above.

Lilian Rundblad stated that the participation of representatives of the Histon Road and the Benson Area Residents' Associations was not to be understood as meaning that these associations endorsed the Do Maximum option.

2. MINUTES OF 8TH AUGUST AND 21ST NOVEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING (TERMS OF REFERENCE / REMIT FROM CITY DEAL BOARD, 9th JUNE)

Although printed copied of the minutes of the meetings held on 8th August and 21st November 2016 were available, they had not been circulated in advance. Forum members therefore asked that their approval, and any matters arising, be deferred to the next meeting. No matters were raised arising from the 21st November minutes.

The Chair asked that both sets of minutes be circulated to all members of the LLF.

Action required

3. CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair thanked all those who had participated in workshops 3 and 4, which had been held since the previous LLF meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

5. KEY CHALLENGE AND MITIGATION WORKSHOP OUTCOMES: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The Chair welcomed Neil Poulton of WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff to present his draft Histon Road Key Challenge and Mitigation Workshop Report. [Report and presentation are online at http://www.qccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/info/2/transport/10/local_liaison_fora.] Mr Poulton invited those present to send any comments on the draft report to the Interim Project Manager by email to Amy.barnett@atkinsglobal.com, by 19 December.

Points raised by the Forum and members of the public in the course of discussing the report and presentation included:

- *What bus lanes were included in the do maximum option.* The Forum was advised that there was no outward-bound bus lane included, only an inward-bound one.
- *Concerns had been raised that not all comments had been reflected in reports of the workshops, in which residents' associations had invested many hours of work.* Mr Poulton said that all fair comments had been incorporated. The reports aimed to reflect the general feeling at a meeting; in some instances, a comment had been made by only one person in a much larger gathering. The Chair suggested that part of the next workshop, on 9 January 2017, could be used to address the accuracy of the reports.
- *Whether there would be any breakdown of comments made at the workshops, as the tables had expressed different opinions.* The LLF was advised that the website would contain all the presentations and reports; the reports included all the feedback received on the workshop feedback forms, but there was no way of separating out the discussions at individual tables.
- *What the purpose of the reports was.* Mr Poulton explained that the reports formed a record of the workshops, and were a guide to be used when drafting resolutions; once the resolutions had been formed, the reports would be redundant. The Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery assured LLF members that all the work that went

into developing ideas would be used; he was meeting the design team to see what could and what could not be accommodated in the final scheme.

- *The wording of the presentation on bus lane feedback was unfair to residents.* Mr Poulton apologised if his choice of words suggested that residents were opposed to bus lanes because they would not benefit from them. He noted that the reason for opposing bus lanes was because residents believed that the road was too narrow at the southern end for them to work effectively anywhere in the road. He apologised for his poor choice of words, and undertook to amend the presentation; the report did not contain the same wording, but largely reproduced residents' comments. [Post-meeting note: the presentation as published on the website does not include the text objected to.]
- *The time allowed to comment on the draft report was rather short at a busy time of year.* The Chair replied that there were considerations of officer time and capacity to receive comments; the Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery said that it should be possible to receive comments up to Monday 9 January; the aim was to take a report to the City Deal Executive Board in March.

The Chair confirmed that, in recognition of the time, work and effort put in by residents and LLF members, it would be possible to comment on the accuracy and terminology of the workshop report up to the date of the next workshop, Monday 9 January 2017.

- *Sought information about possible new Park and Ride sites, pointing out that developments in other parts of the city would affect Histon Road traffic.* The Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery said that a number of schemes were being examined, including a Park and Ride at Hauxton, but he was not aware of any plans for the Histon Road area.

6. HISTON ROAD PROGRAMME UPDATE – DRAFT PROGRAMME AND RESOLUTIONS

The Chair reported that three further meetings were planned for LLF members:

- a workshop on Monday **9 January**
- a meeting for LLF members, officers and consultants to look at the draft resolutions on Monday **16 January**
- a public meeting of the Local Liaison Forum on Monday **23 January**. The proposed resolutions would still be open for public comment at this meeting.

[Post-meeting note: this date has been changed; the meeting will now be a week later, at 6.30pm on **Monday 30th January**]

The Chair would then present the LLF's resolutions to the March meeting of the City Deal Executive Board.

[Post meeting note: the timetable for the presentation of the LLF resolutions to the Joint Assembly / Executive Board is under review and a further update will be provided once dates are confirmed]

Because Histon Road should be viewed in the wider context of developments elsewhere in the city, it was suggested that there should be a workshop for South Cambridgeshire residents who commuted into Cambridge, or came into the city for other reasons. The Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery said that, while he could understand the rationale for such a proposal, it would not be practicable to convene a further workshop at this stage. South Cambridgeshire was being consulted separately on City Deal schemes.

The Chair pointed out that the terminology in the report, which tended to refer to the Histon Road corridor, or the corridor. To most of the people attending the present meeting, it was not a corridor, it was a street where people lived. The Head of Major Infrastructure Delivery undertook to ensure that this wording was corrected.

7. CITY DEAL ASSEMBLY / BOARD – MARCH CYCLE AND FUTURE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Post meeting note: the timetable for future consideration of the Histon Road project by the Joint Assembly and Executive Board is under review and a further update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.30pm on 23rd January 2017 at Shirley Primary School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge.
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Chair