

NOTES OF MEETING

Title of Meeting:	Newmarket Vision Transport Delivery Group
Purpose or Mandate:	A meeting to discuss and progress solutions for transport issues in Newmarket and Newmarket Vision Priorities
Date:	05/03/2015
Place:	Ernest Cassel room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 to 12:00
Attendees:	Councillor Lisa Chambers (LC), Cabinet Member Suffolk County council Councillor Mary Evans (ME), Dep Cabinet Member Roads & Transport SCC Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH) FHDC, NTC Councillor David Hudson (DH), Suffolk County Council Councillor Chris Barker, (CB), FHDC Councillor Peter Hulbert, (PH), NTC Councillor Rona Burt (RB), Forest Heath DC Magnus Magnusson (MM) - FHDC officer Guy Smith (GS), Suffolk County Council Luke Mitchell (LM), Suffolk County Council Gemma Charrington, (GC), Newmarket Racecourse Nick Patton (NP) – Training Grounds Manager, Jockey Club Estates
Invited Guests	
Apologies	Councillor Graham Newman (GN) Cabinet Member Roads & Transport SCC Suzanne Buck (SB), Suffolk County Council Darren Dixon (DD) – West Suffolk Parking Officer Michael Robinson (MR) – Newmarket & District Chamber of Commerce Melvyn Leaman (ML), Local Policing Commander

Cllr Lisa Chambers is the Chair of the Newmarket Vision Transport Delivery Group

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Apologies Received as detailed above.	
2.	Review of actions and notes from previous meeting. Notes of meeting 20/01/2015 agreed	

3.	<p>Rail Update</p> <p>The next meeting of the Rail Grp will take place on Monday 9th March. Frances Stanley, Director of Newmarket Racecourses has joined the group.</p> <p>The group has submitted two responses to rail consultations: the Anglia Route Study and the Improving Connectivity consultation. There is one consultation ongoing, the East Anglia Rail Passenger consultation which has a deadline for 16th March. A response will be sent round in due course for comment and agreement by the group.</p> <p>MM stated that Forest Heath District Council had also produced a response to the consultations.</p>	
4.	<p>Maintenance Programme Update</p> <p>GS presented the maintenance works which have been and are currently being undertaken in the area by the Council. Invited members of the group to provide suggestions of areas in need of maintenance by email.</p> <p>PH expressed concern over access on the width of the footpath on Exeter Road. Suggested double yellow lines to prevent cars parking.</p> <p>GS stated that double lines had just been removed from the area and that the police were now able to enforce the area easier.</p> <p>WH understood that residents were now happier with the layout and there was far less parking and put it down to a possible enforcement issue.</p> <p>DH enquired on the inspection of the roads in the area and if they were to what frequency.</p> <p>GS confirmed roads were inspected on a consistent basis depending on their classification. With more important roads inspected at a more regular rate.</p> <p>CB requested information on how long the works, particularly the traffic lights, on the High St will be there for,</p> <p>GS stated that works were scheduled for a 4 week programme by Anglia Water but had run over and that he would find a reason for the delay.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GS</p>

5.	<p>LTP Review</p> <p>GS presented the updated scheme and finance list for the LTP funding. This included all of the costs to date for schemes, section 106 contributions and other external funding. In 2011 the budget for Newmarket was £450k, to date the LTP has contributed £416k to schemes, leaving £34k.</p> <p>The remainder of schemes identified by the group for delivery have been organised by priority. The next scheme would be Rayes Lane/Fordham Rd which if the Hatchfield Farm development is approved would be fully funded by section106 contributions.</p> <p>WH suggested could schemes be re-prioritised in order to shift LTP funds to schemes within budget. However the group agreed that the group should wait before moving funds in order not to lose the section 106 funds.</p> <p>The group agreed that the schemes should be looked over again at the next meeting when more information on the Hatchfield Farm application is available.</p> <p>NP suggested that the Rowley Drive/Mill Hill scheme costs may have to be revised from the £200k estimated at the time.</p> <p>GS stated that the car parking sign design had been completed but would need funding of £2k to implement. An overall agreement by the group that the signs should take priority over other LEP projects and be funded.</p> <p>GS also noted that funding methods would change from the LTP method. The town would now have to bid for funding from the LEP competing against a number of other schemes in Suffolk; it is not just based off the strategic town status.</p> <p>LC asked when does the LEP bid need to go in for the new sets of funding.</p>	SB SB
6.	<p>High Street</p> <p>Currently there are two proposals for potential changes within the realm of the High St. the NED group's horse statues and the proposal for two statues of King Charles and Queen Elizabeth. It was suggested that the Transport group should have a steer on the proposals.</p> <p>GS had doubts on the safety audit for the proposed King Charles roundabout in the middle of a shared use roundabout, which already causes some safety concerns. The consensus from the group that a more suitable location could be found with concerns of the area may look cluttered.</p> <p>Views were to be filtered back to the group via Justin Wadham</p> <p>Concerns by the group on the lack of communication of the NED group's progress. It was agreed a written update on the progress would be sufficient for the next meeting.</p>	LC LC

	<p>LM gave an update on the application to the Highways Agency for the brown tourist signage. An email had been sent round asking for views on what to put on the sign, deadline for the end of March. A copy of the application will be circulated before it is sent to the Highways Agency.</p> <p>WH asked how the signs would be funded, NP and GC agreed as beneficiary of the improved signage a contribution could be provided. LC suggested funding could possibly be drawn from locality of local highways budget.</p> <p>DH on topic suggested possible signage to the twice weekly market, WH stated that improvements have been prepared by Forest Heath District Council which is due to be launched in May. So improvements to signage should be put on hold till after.</p>	LM SB
7.	<p>Police Update on Transport/Traffic Issues</p> <p>LM presented the police's findings in lieu of ML's absence. A priority for the police has been traffic enforcement and education in Studlands Park. Speed figures along Hyperion Way were slightly high and it was suggested a meeting should take place in order to discuss the possibility of speed calming in the area.</p> <p>GS noted that a Residents Association meeting had already taken place and had recommended that the association should apply to the Town Council for speed calming measures provided by the County Council.</p>	
8.	<p>Fordham Rd/Snailwell Rd update</p> <p>Scheme is complete; however issues to do with parking in the area are being addressed with an emergency order for double yellow lines being implemented. This is only a temporary fix with the lines only lasting for six months, a permanent TRO is needed which will have to go through the required process.</p> <p>GS requested if there was a specification for the whip switch as it was noted that this crossing was different to the others around the town.</p>	NP
10.	<p>Cycle Map Update</p> <p>LM presented the 2nd draft of the cycle map; changes have been made from the recommendations received on the 1st draft. Horse walks have been distinguished and information has been updated.</p> <p>Asking for further comments on the draft of the map, recommendations to be forwarded to the same contact details.</p>	ALL
11.	<p>Bus Provision Update</p> <p>WH stated that there had been a review of bus service provision in the town and that the recommendations of the review would see a Sunday service between Bury St Edmunds-Newmarket-Cambridge in effect. Further details would be given at the next meeting.</p>	WH

11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Parking issues at Laureate School – concerns of parking at the top of Hamilton Road which is a private road.</p> <p>However increased facilities for cycling and walking are seen as a priority such as dropped kerbs and cycle ways in the area. To be considered as a priority on the LTP list.</p> <p>LC presented the findings of a survey compiled of a resident in Paget Place. Survey was completed at the time of the Snailwell/Fornham Rd improvements, where a lot of through traffic was experienced. The group considered the findings but did not agree with blocking off one end of Paget Place.</p> <p>NP asked about the possibility of a scheme to enhance the St Marys Square area. It was noted that the Community Planning Group was already looking at the idea for areas.</p>	GS/SB
12.	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>Meetings to be held in the Ernst Cassel room at NTC unless otherwise noted</p> <p>Tuesday 21st July 10:00 to 12:00 **Cancelled**</p> <p>Tuesday 4th August 14:00 to 16:00</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd September 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p>Wednesday 14th October 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p>Wednesday 25th November 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p>Please make a note of these dates in your diary.</p>	