

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:	16/09/2015
Place:	Ernest Cassel room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 to 12:00
Attendees:	Councillor James Finch (JF), Cabinet Member Suffolk County Council Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH), NTC Councillor David Hudson (DH), Suffolk County Council Councillor Chris Barker, (CB), FHDC Magnus Magnusson (MM) - FHDC officer Suzanne Buck (SB), Suffolk County Council Gemma Charrington, (GC), Newmarket Racecourse Nick Patton (NP) – Training Grounds Manager, Jockey Club Estates Darren Dixon (DD) – West Suffolk Parking Officer T/PS Rob Diver (RD) – Suffolk Police
Invited Guests	William Gittus (WG) – Jockey Club Estates – Newmarket Horseman’s Gp Mike Cottee (MC) – Cottee Transport Planning Andrew Firmin (AF) – Cottee Transport Planning
Apologies	Guy Smith (GS), Suffolk County Council Rona Burt (RB), Forest Heath DC Lisa Chambers (LC), SCC

Chairman Cllr James Finch

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Apologies Received as detailed above.	
2.	Presentation by the Newmarket Horseman’s Gp, (NHG) “Newmarket Transport Review” Cottee Transport Planning were instructed by the NHG to undertake a review of transport conditions in Newmarket in the context of FHDC’s emerging Single Issue Review (SIR) of Core Strategy Policy CS7 for housing provision and distribution; and to consider long-term transport improvements. The presentation summarised the	MC WG

	<p>work undertaken to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIR(single issue review) – current key documents; proposed housing numbers in and around Newmarket and the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan. • The Newmarket Vision work • Funding • Newmarket’s current transport infrastructure and services – listing recent work undertaken by a number of parties; key transport issues; How people travel; public transport, bus and rail; walking and cycling; parking. An aim to reduce current levels of traffic in the town. • Horse crossings and horse walks – in particular reference to the Rayes Lane/ Fordham Rd crossing. Summarising views of Prof Waran on horse behaviour and playing some video clips of incidents at the crossing. Put forward proposals for alternative schemes for the crossing. <p>The presentation recognised the contribution of the NVTDG and summarised that it was Cottee Transport Planning’s brief to contribute to formulating a strategy for how the ongoing challenges might be examined further in light of the ongoing SIR.</p> <p>The principle aim of the NHG is to identify the number of houses that are sustainable for Newmarket; and appropriate infrastructure consistent with traffic reduction on key routes in the town.</p>	
3.	<p>Questions on the presentation</p> <p>JF asked why the video surveys were undertaken and if it is a regular undertaking – WG confirmed videos were taken as part of the evidence for Hatchfield Farm</p> <p>DH asked if there were guidelines for horses being on the road, a level of behaviour before they are allowed to access the highway? – WG reported that the Jockey Club controls the training grounds and offers guidance to trainers re the management of horses, however, the final decision on whether horses should access the highway sits with the trainers.</p> <p>RD commented that in his experience the key approach to changing behaviour was education. This would apply to trainers wrt use of high visibility clothing, taxi drivers and businesses. – The group agreed that this would be an interesting area for further investigation.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation was provided on the day, a pdf version will also be provided for the website.</p>	MC
4	<p>JF thanked WG, MC and AF for taking the time to present their work to the group and the importance of maintaining a good working relationship to help deliver improvements for Newmarket.</p> <p>WG, MC and AF left the meeting</p>	
5	<p>Further discussion on the presentation</p> <p>CB commented that the presentation didn’t provide new information to the group.</p> <p>WH commented that the main issue was drivers being aware of the location of crossings and the importance of advance warning signs. It was agreed that the advance rider activated signs developed as part of the groups work would go a long way to address this issue.</p>	

	<p>The potential to include awareness training for taxi drivers as part of the licencing process should be investigated.</p> <p>RD proposed that thought be given to making businesses aware of the safety issues at the crossings, possibly including information for delivery drivers.</p> <p>It was agreed that formalised training for managing traffic at horse crossings should be investigated. Potentially having permanent marshals at the crossing points during the mornings rather than rely on individual stables.</p> <p>NP will continue to reinforce the importance of using high visibility clothing and safe practice to the stables.</p> <p>SB informed the group that under current planning guidance, NPPF, nil detriment could not be required from developments; ie an increase in traffic levels would not be grounds for refusal.</p> <p>The group confirmed that it was content with the current SCC scheme proposal for the Rayes Lane/Fordham Rd junction.</p> <p>The Deloitte Report</p> <p>The group were presented with the West Suffolk press release of the report and the key points were highlighted at the meeting. The group is to review the full report ahead of the next meeting, where it will be discussed. JF emphasised the need to work with the industry. Link to the report below.</p> <p>http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Policies_Strategies_and_Plans/upload/NewmarketHorseracingIndustryReportSep2015.pdf</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>NP/SB</p> <p>NP</p> <p>ALL</p>
6	<p>Newmarket Car Parking Update</p> <p>More information has been provided by the Horse Racing Museum on the proposed visitor numbers and profiles, it is believed that these levels can be accommodated over the first year, following which the impact can be assessed.</p> <p>The work undertaken shows that there is sufficient short and long stay capacity and 5 key themes for future work were identified</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Car park directional signage 2. Enforcement – looking to bring fines in line with those charged elsewhere in West Suffolk, this will see an increase in fine value. 3. Long stay parking – consider increasing tariff for long stay parking but retaining the current rates for 5 day weekly tickets. 4. Introduce Sunday charging 5. Parking in the High St to be Pay and Display, to encourage use for short trips only and enable enforcement by the District. <p>This approach was supported by the group. DD to take a report to FHDC cabinet with these recommendations.</p> <p>The Pay & Display proposal to be considered by SCC. This will need to be proposed as a scheme through the On Street Parking Account.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>DD/ SCC</p>
7	<p>Tourism Sign Update</p> <p>The Town Centre Vision Group to provide recommendations on the destinations to be included on Brown Tourism signs on the strategic HE network for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p>WH</p>

8	<p>Next meeting agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking directional signs • Tourism signs • Deloitte report • Rail Group update • Highway maintenance update and programme • Hatchfield Farm –Inquiry decision 	DD WH ALL SB GS MM
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was confirmed that WH would join the Rail sub-group</p>	
12.	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>Meetings to be held in the Ernst Cassel room at NTC unless otherwise noted</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wednesday 21st October 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wednesday 14th December 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p>Please make a note of these dates in your diary.</p>	