

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:	25/11/2015
Place:	Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 to 12:00
Attendees:	<p>Councillor James Finch (JF) - Cabinet Member Suffolk County Council Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH) - NTC Councillor Chris Barker, (CB) - FHDC Magnus Magnusson (MM) – West Suffolk, officer Gemma Charrington, (GC), Newmarket Racecourse Nick Patton (NP) – Training Grounds Manager, Jockey Club Estates Darren Dixon (DD) – West Suffolk, officer Guy Smith (GS) – Suffolk County Council, officer</p>
Invited Guests	None
Apologies	<p>Suzanne Buck (SB), Suffolk County Council Councillor David Hudson (DH), Suffolk County Council Councillor Rona Burt (RB), Forest Heath DC T/PS Rob Diver (RD) – Suffolk Police Representative Newmarket District Chamber of Commerce</p>

Chairman Cllr James Finch, Note Taker Guy Smith

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Apologies and Review of notes from last meeting</p> <p>Apologies received as detailed above.</p> <p>Review of notes.</p> <p>3. MM to circulate pdf version of the NHG presentation.</p> <p>5. Following on from the discussion concerning taxi drivers awareness training - MM would ask FH Licensing to consider this but thought this would not go down too well. NP explored the possibility of producing a “flyer” to be distributed around the town highlighting good and bad practice of driving around the town. NP to present at next meeting.</p> <p>6. Newmarket Parking Review (on and off street) – report to be taken to FHDC Cabinet 22 December 2015. DD to feedback at next meeting. NP to set-up a visit to HHR in the new year to see progress.</p> <p>JF formally signed off the notes.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>NP</p> <p>DD</p> <p>NP</p>
2.	<p>Marshall training</p> <p>NP reported how the crossings are currently managed – generally, specific yards manage their own strings, not necessarily done every day, no real standards for PPE. For JC to manage, this would be costly. JC could consider raising Heath Tax to pay – NP to raise this at the January’s Trainers Meeting. NP to prepare draft Paper for this group to consider in January.</p>	<p>NP</p>
3.	<p>Tourism signs</p> <p>Not much progress has been made on this to-date in terms of agreeing what attractions need to be signed in order for an application to be made to Highways England – given they will only allow 4 or 5 sites per sign – and that the cost of the signs could be £10k each. WH to meet with Fiona Unwin and feedback at next meeting.</p>	<p>WH</p>
4	<p>Deloitte report – review and discussion</p> <p>JF thought this was an excellent report. This confirms the SQW report which the JC commissioned in 2014 and further built upon that (with even more data). The group discussed the impact of this report on our work. JF recommended this should be used to help lobby Highways England to look into the area northeast of the town in terms of the A11/A14 link and how this could provide further benefits to Newmarket. JF confirmed he sits on the New Anglia LEP Board and he would take this issue to them. Highways England to be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>This could also help with long-term investments/growth – which could see an increase in horses – which NP stated for each additional horse 0.6 jobs are created.</p> <p>JC (NP) looking to write a business case for another uphill gallop to the northwest of the town – likely cost £12M. This would help with the general movement of horses not having to trek from one side of the town to the other – which would relieve the demand on the current horse crossings. Looking to submit planning permission summer 2016. Could warrant LEP funding. JF to introduce NP to Dave Watson (SCC Strategy Manager) to better understand how to build a business case.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>SB</p> <p>NP/JF</p>

5	<p>High Street update</p> <p>FHDC have set-up a working group to oversee a design brief and tender for a report on how the High Street should look/be managed in the future. This group was asked to put forward a non-officer. It was agreed WH and CB would sit on this group – GS to ensure invitations are sent accordingly via Boyd Nicholas. The brief would be fairly flexible looking at issues such as parking, taxis, art, markets, crossings, shop frontages etc.</p> <p>GS confirmed money had been allocated from SCC to provide new and amended signing to the car parks. Final design to be approved by this group in the new year.</p> <p>GC raised concerns about the ability of the traffic lights to manage on race nights. This causes a lot of tail backs and motorists taking alternative routes on minor side roads. All agreed this should form part of the above brief.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p>
6	<p>Highway maintenance update and programme</p> <p>GS supplied list of schemes for next 3 years. Electronic copy to be sent out with notes.</p> <p>Discussion followed concerning the recent Gas works around the Waitrose and Clocktower junctions. GS explained the need to carry out the works and how SCC liaises with utility companies to try and minimize the effect on road users/businesses – at the same time as ensuring safety to the workforce.</p> <p>Agreed major utility works to be highlighted on future works programme.</p> <p>GS to liaise with GC on removal of island Barbara Stradbrook Avenue/Hamilton Road, development of footway/cycleway to July Course and traffic plan for 2016 season.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS/GC</p>
7	<p>Hatchfield Farm</p> <p>No significant updates. Inspector’s decision due 16 December 2015. Post Meeting Note: This has been further delayed until the new year.</p>	
8	<p>Single Issue Review</p> <p>MM reported that the review is looking at overall distribution of growth/housing up to 2031. Newmarket identified as key to these decisions – based on outcome of Hatchfields. Work needs to be completed by March 2016.</p>	
9	<p>Future Direction</p> <p>Group discussed the remit of our work. Still a need to bottom out the various on-going issues above. Need to consider the High Street work which is about to start – with the brief/tender. Engage with Highways England in terms of growth and development supported by an improvement to the A14/A11 link. The Rail Group will continue as a spin-off from this group.</p>	

10	<p>Next meeting agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking update • Tourism signs • Driving in Newmarket • Rail Group update • Management of Horse Crossings • Hatchfield Farm –Inquiry decision 	DD WH NP SB NP MM
11.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Meetings to be held in the Ernst Cassel room at NTC unless otherwise noted</p> <p>Tuesday 12th January 10:00 to 12:00</p> <p>Future meetings to be held bi-monthly.</p> <p>Please make a note of this date in your diary.</p>	