

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:	22/06/2017
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 Peter Hulbert (PH) - Newmarket Town Council Councillor Warwick Hirst (PH) - Newmarket Town Council Darren Dixon (DD) - West Suffolk Amy Stennett (AS) - Jockey Club Estates Guy Smith (GS), Suffolk County Council Highways
Non-attendees:	Suffolk Police Councillor Rona Burt (RB), FHDC Councillor Chris Barker(CB) - FHDC Chamber of Commerce Councillor Robin Millar (RM) – Suffolk County Council

Chairman - Cllr James Finch
Notes of Meeting - Guy Smith

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Introductions – were made.	
2.	Apologies – received from; Gemma Steve (nee Charrington) (GSt) - Newmarket Racecourse Nick Patton (NP) – Jockey Club Estates Carl Ashton (CA) - Suffolk County Council Note: As there was no set Agenda - JF reviewed issues from previous meetings and any subsequent issues which had arisen since.	
3.	The National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2016 thirty-five road signs were either newly erected or amended to sign visitors to the town's car parks – whilst also guiding people to the most suitable ones for the above Museum. Just prior to the Queen's visit the one outside the Memorial Hall was taken down as it was considered as a non-suitable location. This has yet to be repositioned as finding an alternative location has proved challenging – due to the proximity of underground services. The group decided this should be actioned as soon as practicable. 	GS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD suggested that the Museum wanted additional signs (potentially for both car and pedestrian visitors) which was being looked into by the Newmarket BID manager (Graham Philpot) and Chris Garibaldi. DD to discuss with both. • The group also felt there was merit in inviting GP to join this group. 	DD JF/CA
4.	A14 Tourism Signs (Brown Signs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the costs were likely to be £150k, and funding was not available from SCC, this request has now been withdrawn. 	
5.	Snailwell Road update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new horsewalk, between Malcolm Way and Pegasus Stables (paid for by the HRI and constructed by the Jockey Clubs Estates) under a Licence from SCC has been well received. It has had the desired effect of removing James Fanshaw's horse from the road/footway. Post meeting note: In early July 2017 it was reported to RM that there was a detrimental effect on nearby trees/hedges – later to be attributed to the leaching of salt from the new material. The JCE quickly reacted and removed the material and carried out extensive testing – which resulted in them watering the area (to minimise the levels of salt) prior to relaying the walk with wood chippings. • The proposal to modify the new concrete horsewalk, between Fordham Road and Malcolm Way, is currently with Suffolk Highways design team to complete the detail design and provide a detail cost for the works. This will also include the parking arrangement/restrictions along the road. This will then be discussed at the next meeting of this group. 	JCE GS/RM
6.	A14 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF briefly updated the group on the Highways England RIS2 work (Road Investment Strategy). A further meeting with all stakeholders was planned on the 26th June 2017. JF to update the outcome at the next meeting. 	JF
7.	Rail sub-group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH updated group commenting that "railways are listening to us!". • A request has been made to Abellio Greater Anglia for a 30 minute service. In addition, a request for later trains especially on event nights such as the Friday night racing and ITFC fixtures – as the last train is at 21.15 hours. Also, a direct link to London Liverpool Street (via Cambridge) • PH also stated that although the improvement to the platform are now complete – there is still no toilet and the station is unmanned – which can cause access difficulties with those with disabilities. 	PH
8.	Off-street Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Suffolk have undertaken recent survey work on occupancy etc. Full report is expected in July. DD to feedback at next meeting. • Effect of "Museum" has not been a problem (probably due to visitor numbers down on those predicted). 	DD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 electric car charging points have now been installed in the Guineas car park – using OSPA money from SCC. • PH stated there was still some unrest that people had to pay for Sunday parking. DD confirmed that this had been approved by FHDC Cabinet and this was no different to a similar trend across the country. 	
9.	<p>Improvements to Bus Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF suggested that the Town Council officially put forward a case to this group so he can lobby bus operators. 	WH
10.	<p>Living and Driving in Newmarket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP to update group at next meeting. 	NP
11.	<p>High Street Design Brief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that this work was nearing completion the group would like an update from Boyd Nicholas/Ray Keeley at a future meeting of this group. 	CA
12.	<p>Waitrose Access Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS discussed that the BID manager (Graham Philpot) had been asked to lead on trying to negotiate a scheme to provide an alternate access out – with the church/Waitrose and highways. Another good reason to ask GP to join this group! 	GP
13.	<p>Palace Street – No Entry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS to attend a meeting with Cllr Hood and GP to look at option to make this happen – which would have to include a rear access through Rous Road car park for The Rutland Arms Hotel guests. BID team would pay for this – but Suffolk Highways would not be in a position until at least September to start work on this. In the meantime, GP to undertake consultation with businesses and residents. • This may also aid the potential to re-locate the Town's market. 	GS/GP
14.	<p>On-street Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS was asked to look back into this, consider what funding is still available from the initial work and then engage Suffolk Highways to follow this up. 	GS/DD
15.	<p>Re-location of the Town's Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group were interested in knowing the current status of a potential trial of a new location and the effect this would have on the highway. Sharon Fairweather (West Suffolk) would be asked to attend a future meeting. 	CA
16.	<p>Management of horse crossings, including new vehicle activated signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP was asked to update the group at the next meeting. 	NP
17.	<p>Composition of Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following people will be asked to join the Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graham Philpot – Business Improvement District (BID) Manager ○ Councillor Rachel Hood – Suffolk County Councillor ○ Officer from West Suffolk (to replace Magnus Magnusson) ○ Officer from SCC (following Highways restructure) 	CA CA DD JF/CA

18.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH updated the meeting on the proposed Network Rail's Weatherby crossing closure. A holding letter had been sent by Matthew Hancock MP which will delay the decision to close the crossing. Possible local Public Inquiry to be arranged. JF advised there was a Paper going before SCC's Full Council on 20 July. 	
19.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Meeting to be held in the Ernst Cassel Room at NTC unless otherwise advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 12th October 10:00 to 12:00 Agenda items to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions Apologies Review of Previous Meeting Notes Long-term objectives of Group – may include? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implications of the Hatchfield Farm decision (A142 junction/Rayes Lane crossing) Implications of the Aldi decision (Mill Hill/Rowley Drive improvements) All weather racecourse – potential for new A14 junction Highways England RIS2 Access from Waitrose JCE uphill gallop Updates requested in Notes of Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-street Parking High Street Design Brief Living and Driving in Newmarket Access from Waitrose Re-location of the Town's Market Modifications to the Snailwell Road concrete horsewalk Management of horse crossings, including new vehicle activated signs AOB Date of Next Meeting 	CA/JF