

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:	27/09/2018
Place:	Ernest Cassel Room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 to 11:30
Attendees:	<p>Louis Busuttil – (LB) Suffolk County Councillor & Deputy Cabinet Member for Operational Highways and Transport Strategy (Meeting Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Rachel Hood (RH) – Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hulbert (PH) - Newmarket Town Council</p> <p>Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH) - Newmarket Town Council</p> <p>Councillor Chris Barker (CB) - FHDC</p> <p>Nick Patton (NP) - Jockey Club Estates</p> <p>Carl Ashton – (CA) Suffolk County Council, Transport Strategy</p> <p>Joseph Hough – (JH) Suffolk County Council, Transport Strategy</p> <p>Darren Dixon – (DD) West Suffolk DC</p> <p>Roberta Bennett (RB) – Newmarket Town Council, Town Centre Manager</p> <p>Anthony Smith (AS) – Suffolk Highways</p>
Non-attendees:	<p>Mary Evans (ME) – Suffolk County Councillor, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs</p> <p>Councillor Robin Millar (RM) – Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Graham Philpot (GP) – Newmarket BID Manager</p> <p>Sara Noonan – (SN) – West Suffolk</p> <p>Francesca Clarke (FC) – Suffolk Highways</p>

Chairman - Cllr Louis Busuttil
Notes of Meeting – Carl Ashton

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Introductions – were made around the room	
2.	Apologies – received from; Graham Philpot, Sara Noonan & Francesca Clarke	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed as a true record 	
4.	Newmarket Car Parking Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH updated group – survey information is imminent which will inform the strategy. RH is concerned about slow progress and reinforced that the 	

	<p>strategy is required urgently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD gave a CPE update – Application to Dft submitted in April 2018. Given government legal resources are tied up with Brexit and realistically CPE is not likely to come into operation until 2020. There was a meeting between the MP (Jo Churchill) and the Secretary of State a couple of weeks ago but no feedback to date. • RB mentioned that some information was collected a couple of years ago which may help inform the strategy. JH to located • Group agreed that a draft strategy would be circulated by JH a week before next meeting and debated at the next meeting in December 	JH JH
5.	<p>Snailwell Road – Horsewalk Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WH started by mentioning that this area works well as it is and questioned the need to carry out this work. RH echoed this. • CA explained position and how the horsewalk came to be slightly wider than the 4m planned (underground gas main at proposed location of kerb) and so decision was made on site to relocate kerb which resulted in increased horsewalk and narrower carriageway. Also there is a traffic regulation order currently being advertised to place double yellow lines at this location which would remove parking and ensure adequate road width available to pass. Finally, the road safety audit post construction of the horsewalk identified the narrow road but suggested a couple of road narrows ahead signs would help to identify the hazard. • The estimated cost to make these alterations is £100k • The group agreed unanimously that the works are not necessary. CA to write to Cllr Miller to explain works will not go ahead. 	CA
6.	<p>East Cambs Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB wanted to raise the issue of potential development highlighted in East Cambs Local Plan on the highway in and around Newmarket, particularly Kennett and junctions 37 & 38 of the A14. 	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB – Birdcage Walk – No yellow lines following resurfacing • RB – Birdcage Walk – No verge cutting – Get on list • RH – Exning PC meeting on 26/09/18 – Request to cut hedges. LB informed RH that hedge cutting low priority. Community Partnership Agreement soon permitting people who have had training and PPE to undertake this type of work in future. Update on community engagement to be included in September newsletter. • RH – Wanted it minuted that James Palmer (Mayor of Cambridge) wants to turn Cambridge into another Manchester and she is concerned about the impact on Newmarket 	AS AS
8.	<p>Newmarket Walkabout</p> <p>Items recorded on walkabout by Joseph Hough</p> <p>1) Grosvenor Yard Car Park – Both accesses are two-way and it is used as a</p>	

	<p>'cut through' especially by taxis. Given that it is highway, I don't think it can be considered a cut through and turning movements into the car park impact on through flow on the High Street. It was stated that the arrangement is a mess and dangerous. It was also suggested that the layout could be one-way southbound, with the potential for taxis waiting in the car park and relocation of some disabled bays to the town centre.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Could Fitzroy Street, at the rear of Grosvenor could be made into a 20mph street? 3) Can barriers on horsewalk a St Mary's Square can be replaced with new barriers for which the maintenance is far cheaper and the barriers are more attractive. There was a car parked in the horse walk. 4) The drain along the Yellowbrick road floods. This is a registered cycleway with antisocial behaviour issues and to encourage use it needs lighting. 5) The ability to cross and permeate the town for pedestrians to/from Waitrose was inefficient and should be reviewed. 6) Visibility for pedestrians crossing from the south at the clocktower is poor. 7) Lots of abuse of car parking on Rous Road. 8) There are trip hazards associated with tree roots on the High Street. 9) Crossing outside of the Heritage Centre is 'unsafe' due to vehicles along Palace Street. 1 suggestion was to close during daytime. No through traffic. 	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 11th December 2018 10:00 to 12:00, Ernest Cassel Room at Newmarket Town Council 	

Meeting ended at approx.11.45