

# NOTES OF MEETING

<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	Newmarket Vision Transport Delivery Group
<b>Purpose or Mandate:</b>	A meeting to discuss and progress solutions for transport issues in Newmarket and Newmarket Vision Priorities
<b>Date:</b>	21/02/2019
<b>Place:</b>	Ernest Cassel Room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
<b>Times:</b>	10:00 to 11:30
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Louis Busuttil – (LB) Suffolk County Councillor &amp; 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>Graham Philpot (GP) – Newmarket BID Manager</p> <p>Sara Noonan – (SN) – West Suffolk</p> <p>Carl Ashton – (CA) Suffolk County Council, Transport Strategy</p> <p>Calum Poole – (CP) Suffolk County Council, Transport Strategy</p>
<b>Non-attendees:</b>	<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>Councillor Chris Barker (CB) – FHDC</p> <p>Nick Patton (NP) – Jockey Club Estates</p> <p>Amy Stennett (AS) – Jockey Club Estates</p> <p>Francesca Clarke (FC) – Suffolk Highways</p> <p>Darren Dixon – (DD) West Suffolk DC</p> <p>Roberta Bennett (RB) – Newmarket Town Council, Town Centre Manager</p>

**Chairman - Cllr Louis Busuttil**  
**Notes of Meeting – Calum Poole**

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Introductions</b> – were made around the room	
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b> – received from;</p> <p>Cllr Mary Evans, Cllr Robin Millar, Cllr Chris Barker, Nick Patton, Amy Stennett, Darren Dixon, Roberta Bennett &amp; Francesca Clarke</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed as a true record</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Newmarket Car Parking Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA updated the group – there is an issue as to which authority takes ownership of the strategy. SN to speak to DD to clarify the stance of West</li> </ul>	SN

	<p>Suffolk Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RH emphasised the need to resolve the issue swiftly and reiterated the car parking issues in Newmarket</li> <li>• CA explained the conflicting priorities and how they affect the ownership of the strategy. CA to summarise and circulate draft strategy to the group.</li> <li>• LB suggested that Cllr Bowman has indicated that WSC would be willing to adopt the strategy and CA will contact Cllr Bowman to discuss issues of ownership and agree a timetable for adoption by WSC</li> <li>• RH to discuss the issue with local members and report back to the group</li> </ul>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>RH</p>
5.	<p><b>Snailwell Road – Horsewalk Amendments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA summarised email correspondence with ME and RM highlighting the issues associated with the horsewalk</li> <li>• CA updated the group on the progress of the TRO and advised that ME has agreed that we will look to harden verges as well. Works have been ordered with an estimated completion by the end of June. CA to confirm preliminary date with Suffolk Highways and advise RB</li> </ul>	<p>CA</p>
7.	<p><b>Horse Crossings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA provided an update on progress. Barbara Stradbroke Avenue crossing to be upgraded to a Pegasus crossing, a date for the works is to be confirmed</li> <li>• Other locations are being looked at including the Bury Road crossing</li> <li>• New material for crossings being investigated but not yet approved for use on the highway. Work is ongoing to gain approval.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>High Street Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update provided from WSC, consultation closed on 25<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>• CP to circulate SCC response with minutes from the meeting</li> <li>• It was discussed that Suffolk Highways should have a representative at each group meeting, although it is understood that there are currently resource issues. LB will raise this with Suffolk Highways.</li> <li>• CA to contact FC seeking views on High Street design ahead of LB/FC meeting</li> </ul>	<p>CP</p> <p>LB</p>
9.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WD noted the group of a thank you message received regarding the railing improvements at St Mary's Square</li> <li>• PH advised the group that operators are struggling with the viability of services and requested that improvements are investigated</li> <li>• RH updated the group on the progress of brown museum signs on the highway. Highways England have not been responsive, but funding has been identified for signs on the local highway network and designs are to be produced imminently</li> <li>• SN updated the group on the Wetherby level crossing Public Inquiry. The Secretary of State would not decide until the Essex and Cambridgeshire inquiries had finished. These have now finished so it is hoped that a</li> </ul>	

	<p>decision will be made in 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GP advised that a temporary crossing was installed from Old Station Road to Bury Road over the Christmas period. It seemed to work well and was welcomed by businesses. GP requested that highways look at a permanent solution. GP to provide data from the crossing point if possible.</li> <li>GP noted widespread abuse of car parking in the town</li> </ul>	GP
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul>	

Meeting ended at approx.11.30