

NOTES OF MEETING

Title of Meeting:	Newmarket Vision Transport Delivery Group	
Purpose or Mandate:	A meeting to discuss transport issues in Newmarket and the priorities identified by the Newmarket Vision process.	
Date:	03/06/2014	
Place:	Ernest Cassel room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket	
Times:	10:30 – 12:30	
Attendees:	Councillor Lisa Chambers, (LC), Cabinet Member Suffolk County Council Councillor Graham Newman, (GN), Cabinet Member Roads & Transport	
	Councillor David Hudson, (DH), Suffolk County Council	
	Councillor Warwick Hirst, (WH), Forest Heath DC & Newmarket TC	
	Councillor Chris Barker (CB), Forest Heath DC	
	Councillor Peter Hulbert (PH), Newmarket TC	
	Magnus Magnusson, (MM), FHDC Officer	
	Suzanne Buck, (SB), Suffolk County Council Officer	
	Guy Smith, (GS), Suffolk County Council Officer	
Invited Guests	Tom Wright (TW), Forest Heath DC Officer	
	Sally Harper (SH), SCC, Passenger Transport Manager	
Apologies	Councillor Rona Burt, (RB), Forest Heath DC	
	Mark Shipton – A/Inspector, Safer Neighbourhood Team	
	Gemma Charrington, (GC), Newmarket Racecourse	
	Nick Patton, (NP), Training Grounds Manager, Jockey Club Estates	
	Cameron Findlay (CF), Forest Heath DC Officer	

Cllr Lisa Chambers is the Chair of the Newmarket Vision Transport Delivery Group

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Apologies	
	Received as detailed above.	
2.	Review of actions and notes from previous meeting.	
	NP provided list of HRI event dates. Information sent out with agenda. SB to forward information to KMG	SB
	SB has arranged meeting with schools to discuss and agree the improvement scheme at the Fordham Rd / Rayes Lane	SB/WH

	crossing. WH to attend meeting.	
	Updated timetable of work streams to be sent out with notes of meeting.	SB
	Notes of meeting 12/03/2014 agreed	
3.	Vision Priorities	
	Vision priorities were discussed. Updated table attached. Table to be forwarded to Liz Watts.	SB
4.	Town Centre Group – Update	
	There are 4 subgroups to the Town Centre group. There is a meeting on Friday 6 th June where each subgroup will be presenting a 3 page statement on what they want to achieve. Progress re the High St and Urban Realm improvements will be presented at the next meeting.	WH
5.	Parking Review	
	TW reported:	
	The number of Hackney Carriage vehicles within the district has remained virtually unchanged over the last 10 years. The current number is 125. There are also a relatively small number of private hire vehicles.	
	District Councils are no longer required to carry out unmet demand surveys, these usually cost in the order of £35k, as a result it is not possible to restrict the number of licenced vehicles. It is understood that the number of hackney carriages will self-regulate based on work rates.	
	A view was expressed by some group members that there were too many taxis on the High St.	
	Taxi use and locations are different during the day than evening	
	TW reported that a proposal to relocate some taxis in The Avenue was not popular with the Trade.	TW
	The group requested information on the frequency of use of taxis from the High St.	
	Taxi rank location and use to be considered within the town parking strategy.	
	SH noted that there was a lack of taxi operators on the school runs in the district and this would be a potential additional work stream. SH to provide details of the availability of school contracts for the Newmarket licensed taxi drivers with a view to getting them registered on the tender list. TW to raise at next Trade meeting.	SH / TW SB/GS/TW
	TW raised concerns about taxi's doing U turns from the rank. Suggested barriers to address this. To be considered in parking strategy	

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6.	Rail Update	
	It was agreed that Peter Hulbert, NTC, Chris Garibaldi and Amy Starkey (AS) from the Equine Hub group are to join the Newmarket Rail Group.	KA
	The group are to develop a "station investment plan". This is a station audit that looks at priorities and constraints to deliver improvements. The outcome of the plan is a Delivery Action Plan. The next meeting of the rail group is the 8 th July.	
	SH presented outcomes of rail group meeting. Copy attached	
	The group will report back to the NVTDG at its 2 nd September meeting.	SH
	WH asked where funding for improvements come from. SH responded that improvements to the stations are the responsibility of the Operators. Although SCC can look for additional sources of funding.	
	Several members of the group noted difficulties getting off the trains due to the location of the train carriages to the platform. It was recognised that the platform is long enough to accommodate 3	SH/KA
	carriages	SH/KA
	The group will also look at train services on large HRI event days.	
7.	Section 106	
	Morrisons development are keen to provide the Rutland Arms funding ahead of commencing the development	MM
	Tesco have suggested opening the extension in July 15.	
	MM to talk to Tesco to request payment of the Rutland Arms contribution ahead of commencement of the scheme.	ММ
	The current Hatchfield Farm application is for 400 dwellings.	
8(1)	Rutland Arms	
	Construction due to commence 16 th June. This will include an 8	
	week road closure in Palace St.	
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that it needed to be identified as a priority through the SNT. A letter will therefore be sent summarising the groups concerns and request for focused enforcement. A draft will be sent out for comment in the first instance.	SB
Two current consultations. The first for Rayes Lane received one objection, this has now been resolved and the order will be made. The second for Exning received objections and these will be considered by the next ROW committee on 18 th June.	
Parking issues associated with the High St to be considered by the core group as part of the parking strategy.	SB/GS/TW
Bus Services	
PH raised concerns about the lack of Sunday services and the lack of services on HRI event days.	
SH reported that Sunday services were not viable for operators due to the lack in demand and the absence of "offset" for the services for example commuting and school use.	
SH proposed that a community bus service / DRT service could fill the gap. SCC can facilitate this but not fund it.	
WH & PH to look at understanding the need and destination for additional bus services.	WH/PH
Provision of bus services to link to the rail station and tie in with HRI events to be taken up by AS at the rail group	AS
LTP Update	
Programme update to be sent out with notes of meeting.	SB
Forward Plan	
 Air Quality – at a future meeting 	
 Equine Hub Group – at next meeting 	
 Rail report, Station Investment Plan – 2nd September 	
Next Meetings	
Meetings to be held in the Ernst Cassel room at NTC unless otherwise noted	
Wednesday 2 nd July 9:30 to 11:30am	
Tuesday 2 nd September 2:00pm to 4:pm	
Wednesday 15 th October 10:00 to 12:00	
Monday 24 th November 10:00 to 12:00	
Wednesday 7 th January 10:00 to 12:00	
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