

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:	20/01/2015
Place:	Ernest Cassel room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 - 12:00
Attendees:	Councillor Lisa Chambers (LC), Cabinet Member Suffolk County council Councillor Graham Newman (GN) Cabinet Member Roads & Transport SCC
	 Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH) FHDC, NTC Councillor David Hudson (DH), Suffolk County Council Councillor Peter Hulbert, (PH), NTC Melvyn Leaman (ML), Local Policing Commander Magnus Magnusson (MM) - FHDC officer Suzanne Buck (SB), Suffolk County Council Guy Smith (GS), Suffolk County Council Gemma Charrington, (GC), Newmarket Racecourse Nick Patton (NP) – Training Grounds Manager, Jockey Club Estates Darren Dixon (DD) – West Suffolk Parking Officer Michael Robinson (MR) – Newmarket & District Chamber of Commerce
Invited Guests	Paul Horne (PHO), Suffolk County Council Luke Mitchell (LM), Suffolk County Council
Apologies	Councillor Chris Barker, (CB), Forest Heath District Council Councillor Rona Burt (RB), FHDC

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.	
	• Update re Rail group to be forwarded, to include a copy to the Newmarket town council clerk as rail meeting hasn't taken place yet	KA
	Notes of meeting 15/10/2014 agreed	

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3.	Parking Survey Update	
	LM presented the findings of the on-street parking survey for the High St as part of the parking strategy being conducted by SCC and FHDC. The results of the survey were to be used once the off-street and residents parking reviews have been completed in to order to implement a successful parking strategy.	
	Findings of the survey found a lack of awareness of the proposed art installations on the High St. SB to forward findings on to NED group.	SB
	PH drew the group's attention to dial-a-ride buses which need more room in parking spaces due to the use of ramps.	
4.	Off-Street Parking Review Update	
	DD presented the present findings of the off-street parking review. It was reported that samples had been taken for occupancy in the towns car parks since November.	
	Next phase is analysis of High St results, residents parking and the potential impacts of the Home of Horse Racing on the current provision.	DD
	Further sampling is needed in order to provide reliable results these were to take place over March and April 2015. These results could then be modelled against a number of scenarios in order to ascertain the need for more spaces, change of parking regulations or the number of hours stay.	DD
	Report to be produced by FHDC depending on the results of the residents parking survey, this is estimated to be completed May/June.	
	It was also noted that the Retailers Association supported the notion of pay and display in the High St. Conflicting the views found on the on-street parking survey.	
	LC suggested the possible implementation of shuttle buses for the museum; however DD reported that All Saints car park may be able to accommodate the increased volume of visitors.	
	ML enquired about the long term vision for parking enforcement for the town and the possible implementation of CPE, with police budget reductions meaning a reduction in parking enforcement.	
	GN informed the group that West Suffolk was not interested in implementation. There is no budgetary provision for CPE and it can only be executed where districts were keen.	
	ML highlighted the accessibility issues in the Guineas car park with parking and that the spaces given to the Premier Inn were often empty at peak times.	

5.	Residents Parking Review	
	GS to report findings to the group of November's residents parking consultation at the next NVTG meeting. These findings would be put into report before looking at the options for residents parking.	GS
	The next stage of the consultation process was not going to start until after the elections. This process will engage with the public more and will consult on specific schemes.	
	DH was concerned that the November consultation was not widely advertised however GS reported that attendance was good.	
	WH stated the district and town council had no issue providing there was a good resident attendance.	
6.	Cycle Review	
	PHO provided a presentation of the work currently being completed by SCC in terms of a new cycle map for the area and a list of possible improvements when funding becomes available.	
	PHO asked for ideas and suggestions from the group regarding the draft cycle map to be emailed to him after the meeting.	ALL
	Idea to number the horse walks on cycle map and to install discrete signs in order to provide locational information.	
	It was confirmed that cleansing of horsewalks is a district function and will be helped by recent scheme to put removable bollards in. The horse walks are highway and therefore maintenance is a county function.	
	DH reported some of the current cycle path lining was worn and needed refreshing, DH to report back with details	DH
	LC stressed the provision of clear and accurate information on the cycle map as to when the horse walks can be used by cyclists.	
7.	Signing – Tourism and Directional	
	WH reported that the tourism group was presenting on 23/01 and would forward on the results to the group.	WH
	GS said that there should be a link to car parking signage as well in the proposals; DD reported this would have an impact on parking especially with museum. GS suggested may be splitting the directional signing depending on approach route into Newmarket to help manage the impact of cars parking.	
	Group agreed that it should take lead on application to the Highways Agency for strategic signs and routes in.	SB
	MC suggested the rationalisation of signs in order to de-clutter the road side; GS noted that the current government process is timely and costly.	
	PH had concerns on the courtesy crossing at the clock tower and its safety. GS reported work was to commence to review access	

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	SB reported that scheme was to start in the new financial year	SB
8	Maintenance Program Update	
	Requests for an email for planned maintenance sites for 15/16	GS
	GC reported that on Hamilton Rd scheme there was no notice until the Thursday, works began on the Monday. Email sent out was unclear and disrupted the movements of delegates to conference which had been arranged. GS reported that due to the backlog, schemes are being fast tracked. The times of notice will improve once the backlog has been cleared.	
9	Section 106 – Update	
	Update on the works currently underway at Fordham/Snailwell Rd. NP viewed concerns of the width of the road especially with cars parked either side. SB to review any parking issues once works complete.	
10	Pedestrian Crossings	
	New Chevely Rd:	
	DH concerned about visibility of a person crossing, requested that the white lines should be extended.	
	GS stated that this crossing would have to be a controlled crossing and would need to remove parking for approximately 32 cars in order to meet requirements.	
	SB suggested starting to compile new ideas for strategic delivery.	
	DH to organise a consultation on the proposed new crossing.	DH
	George Lambton Ave:	
	Concerns over the visibility at build out areas	
	GS will review traffic calming measures in the area.	GS
	ML reported that speeding had been raised as an issue in the area but after measurement, it was not deemed as a concern. Hyperion Way was deemed as having a slight speeding issue.	
	ML to provide details of policy on traffic hotspots to next meeting	ML
	AOB	
	 New ideas for next meeting by the end of February 	ALL
	Review of LTP priority list	

	 PH asked for an update on bus and train transport. Rail group to feedback to PH 	SB
	 WH to provide an update on bus provision 	wн
	 Press article regarding Fordham/Snailwell Rd scheme discussed 	
11.	Next Meetings	
	Meetings to be held in the Ernst Cassel room at NTC unless otherwise noted	
	Thursday 5 th March 10:00 to 12:00	
	Wednesday 20 th May 10:00 to 12:00 THIS HAS CHANGED	
	Thursday 4th June 14:00 to 16:00	
	Tuesday 21 st July 10:00 to 12:00	
	Wednesday 2nd September 10:00 to 12:00	
	Wednesday 14 th October 10:00 to 12:00	
	Wednesday 25 th November 10:00 to 12:00	
	Please make a note of these dates in your diary.	