

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:	12/10/2017
Place:	Ernest Cassel Room, Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket
Times:	10:00 to 11:30
Attendees:	Councillor Jane Storey (JS) – Interim Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Suffolk County Council
	Louis Busuttil – Suffolk County Councillor with special responsibility for highways performance
	Councillor Peter Hulbert (PH) - Newmarket Town Council
	Councillor Warwick Hirst (WH) - Newmarket Town Council
	Roberto (Bobby) Bennett (RB) – Newmarket Town Council Manager
	Darren Dixon (DD) - West Suffolk DC
	Nick Patton (NP) - Jockey Club Estates
	Graham Philpot (GP) – Newmarket BID Manager
	Anthony Smith (AS), Suffolk Highways
Non-attendees:	Councillor Chris Barker(CB) – FHDC
	Councillor Rachel Hood (RH) – Suffolk County Council
	Chamber of Commerce
	Councillor Robin Millar (RM) – Suffolk County Council
	Suffolk Police

Chairman - Cllr Jane Storey Notes of Meeting - Carl Ashton

Ref	Notes	Action
1.	Introductions – were made and JS explained her interim role in place of James Finch. JS also explained the changes with Suffolk Highways reporting system and the changes in personnel.	
2.	Apologies – received from;	
	Suffolk County Councillor Robin Millar	
3.	Implications of Hatchfield Farm decision (A142 junction Rayes Lane crossing)	
	 It was agreed by the group that the development (if it proceeds) should have S106 contributions for highway improvements along the A142 between the A14 and the town centre 	
	Current status as understood by group is that decision is back with the	

	Secretary of State until 15/11/17 and it was agreed that no further discussion is necessary on this matter until the decision is known.		
4.	Implications of the Aldi decision (Mill Hill/Rowley Drive improvements		
	 NP explained that proposal here included reference to a Pegasus crossing @ Mill Hill 		
	 RB reported that a presentation was due to take place on 16/10/17 by the developers to the Town Council 		
5.	All weather racecourse		
	 This item revolves around the possibility of an additional junction on the A14 which could relieve congestion when diversions are required. Agreed to leave on agenda for next meeting but this is a long-term project. 		
6.	Highways England RIS2		
	 JS reported that she recently attended a meeting of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce where proposals for A14 in RIS2 (Road Investment Strategy, period 2) were discussed. This includes J37 (A14/A142) as well as others within Suffolk. 		
	 Current timeline is that Highways England will prioritise during 2018 and announce more in 2019. Newmarket welcomes the work being done to lobby for funding to improve these junctions in Suffolk 		
7.	Access from Waitrose		
	 GP briefed group on issues being reported by Waitrose regarding access/egress their car park and asked if we can consider options. Waitrose had been in discussion with church about new access however this could not be agreed. 		
	 The group felt that it needed to better understand what efforts Waitrose had made with the church and also needed more detail in order to comment. GP to invite representative from Waitrose to next meeting 	GP	
8.	JCE Uphill Gallop		
	 NP reported that planning permission granted for 3 years, although the timescale is very tight to be able to deliver in 3 years 		
	 This could potentially have an impact on horse movements across the town 		
9.	NHC Signage		
	 One large sign missing. AS reported that it's a challenge to get back in because of underground services. AS will revisit this as 'there must be a solution' and will report back at next meeting 	AS	
10.	Off Street Parking		
	 DD reported that Newmarket is already 13,000 car park events up on last years data, and that there are 150 spaces at any time on average across all car parks. DD also updated to say that there is a report into CPE that is due to commence in 2019 being produced and he will bring a copy to a meeting in early 2018. This will include a review into disabled parking in the town and residents permits. 	DD	

11.	High Street Design Brief		
	 WH is on committee, project being funded by FHDC. Current status: Waiting for design proposal for consultation in Jan 2018 	WH	
12.	Palace Street - No Entry		
	 NHC Trustees & Chris Garibaldi have highlighted safety issues and near misses. Proposal to close Palace Street to traffic except deliveries. GP to carry out informal consultation with businesses and residents on behalf of Town Council and report back at next meeting. 	GP	
	 CA agreed to carry out a traffic count for Palace Street to give us an indication of the current usage. 	CA	
	NTC will need to be the body to carry out any formal consultation.		
13.	Modifications to the Snailwell Road concrete horsewalk		
	 JS informed the group that this item is to be postponed as there are issues around design and cost that need further separate conversations. Deferred to next meeting 		
14.	Management of horse crossings, including new vehicle activated signs		
	 NP updated the group on the project to upgrade all the horse crossings. Project split into two phases; phase 1 – Lights/signs & bollards, phase 2 road surface. It is hoped that phase 1 will commence early in 2018. JCE are having a trial road surface laid in the entrance to the Rowley Mile Course to test its suitability. Paper going to JCE Board. 		
18.	AOB		
	 PH raised a question about the provision of buses during the evening. This was not pursued during the meeting. 		
19.	Date of Next Meeting		
	 Wednesday 17th January 2018 10:00 to 11:30 		
	 Meeting venue to be confirmed - Ernest Cassel Room at NTC booked provisionally. 	CA	

Meeting ended at 11.30