

Outer North West Area Committee

Joint Inner & Outer Transport Sub Group

Note of 7th March 2013 Meeting
9.30 am Arthur Vollans Room Leonardo Building

Item	Present	Actions
	Cllr Cleasby (Chair) - Horsforth Ward Cllr Wadsworth – Guiseley & Rawdon Cllr Anderson – Adel & Wharfedale Cllr Illingworth – Kirkstall Cllr Walshaw - Headingley Andrew Hall – Highways and Transportation Lois Pickering – Planning David Feeney - Planning Andrew Wheeler - NGT	
	Apologies	
	Alison Szustakowski, Cllr Rik Downes	
1.0	Welcome and introductions	
2.0	Minutes	
2.3	Agreed	
3.0	Core Strategy	
3.1	DH outlined current position in terms of Core Strategy and future timetable. The draft document has been to public consultation and the with changes going to Executive Board. It will be submitted for independent examination in March 2013. How long this process will take is unknown and there may be challenges from building developers.	
3.2	A discussion took place with Councillors and DH over the contents of the document. Cllr C challenged the number of properties assigned to the ONW area and Cllr C and Cllr A both felt that the transport infrastructure particularly had not considered due consideration. Specific areas such as Outwood Lane were discussed in terms of housing developments being built in areas where there was no local schools and no local bus route.	
3.3	Cllr A was not happy that 'sustainability' was not properly defined and could lead to misunderstandings and make it hard to oppose if challenges were made. DF advised that the definition of 'sustainability' is as per the National Planning Policy Framework but did agree there were tolerances around this and that it was impossible to agree a definition that covered every eventuality.	
3.4	There was discussion over how statistics had been agreed as in were actual site visits made or were figures reached purely through	

	mathematical calculations e.g. no. of children per 100 new properties determined how many children Education factored in for school places. Also there was a tendency to use the developers information rather than our own research.	
3.5	Cllrs also raised the concerns that developers would clearly look to reduce their costs and that had led to shortfalls in provision for Education needs, how would that shortfall be met. LP advised that the Community Infrastructure Levy should address this in the future.	
3.6	Cllrs expressed concerns that whilst housing development might take place this would not link in with planned improvements or otherwise in transport, education etc and the overall vision for the city did not have sufficient timings as to when improvements would be made.	
3.2	LP advised that the Site Allocations Development Plan (DPD) does take into account transport infrastructure and many areas were omitted due to national considerations e.g. Nature Conservation areas	
3.3	Concerns were raised as to how new developments in neighbouring local authorities would impact on traffic infrastructure in ONW and how this was managed.	
3.4	Cllr I expressed an opinion that Kirkstall could benefit from further development and was that being put to developers. LP advised that they had to wait for submission from developers.	
3.5	LP advised conversations would take place with Highways and Education and comments from Highways (not Education) will be included on the public consultation document. The DPD will be available via the Councils website as well as paper and will have all colour coding explanations included.	
3.6	Cllrs asked if they would have sight of the document before public consultation which is scheduled for June with publication Autumn 2013 before submission in 2014	
4.0	Local Transport Plan	
4.1	AH brought the LTP Implementation Plan 2 preparation document and this was distributed to all at the meeting. He proceed to outline the key facts in the document and advised it was on the web.	
4.2	A lengthy discussion took place regarding aspects of the document which at present is high level and merely scopes out how money is allocated.	
4.3	Cllr W explained the 'earnback scheme' how it is linked to the effect of growth and how it could change the way schemes are developed in the future impacting in a positive way on the current funding for Transport as in effect the scheme can regenerate income.	
4.4	The allocation of parking spaces for Park and Ride was discussed and whether or not they would be sufficient. These car parks will either tap into the existing bus service or have a dedicated service. There is an option to put another level on the parking facility at Boddington to increase the capacity if in the future there was a requirement. Cllr C expressed his concerns that this was not being done as a matter of course as whilst building work was ongoing the car park would be out of use. AW advised it would not be necessary to close the entire car park but agreed the capacity would be reduced if work was required.	
4.5	Concerns were discussed over if a link road was put in to LBA then this might make Rawdon Billings a possible development site. At present it has been classified 'red' due to insufficient road infrastructure. In terms of a Master Plan for the airport this is their responsibility but Leeds City Council	

	will continue to work with them in terms of its development.	
4.6	Concerns were raised about how the influx of people from outside of the Leeds area impacted on resources within Leeds. This was considered to be an issue at railway stations where people working in Leeds city centre would drive in from outside of the district to park in Horsforth railway station and get the train there to avoid parking charges. This may also prove the case for NGT Park & Ride car parks. New builds in surrounding districts may only worsen this issue and with Council Tax being paid to other Authorities there will be no mitigating effect.	
4.7	The responsibility for local rail services to be devolved to City Deal making decisions about local services at a local level	
5.0	NGT Update	
5.1	AW reported that following the drop in events approx 50 comments a week are being received from the public.	
5.2	Councillors were unhappy that they felt they had not been consulted and had had a lack of information. The Holt Park terminus was a particular issue. AW advised that discussions had taken place with local businesses but Ward Members advised they had not been involved in these. Cllr A was very concerned that the design meant that people particularly elderly residents would have to cross the NGT tracks to get from the car park to the Doctors surgery and the needs of the residents were not being considered.	
5.3	AW advised that they had listened to the public concerns and had as a consequence made amendments.	
5.4	Cllr C wanted to know if there would be a season ticket and also if there would be secure cycle storage at the Park & Ride facilities as it was unlikely cycles would be able to go on the vehicles.	
5.5	AW advised consideration is being given to Lawnswood roundabout and mitigating the damage to trees there and along the route also that there will be CCTV in the car parks	
5.6	Cllrs asked if consideration had been given to running normal traffic on the bypass behind the Arndale Centre but AW advised that this would cause too much disturbance to residents living nearby whereas running the trolley bus would be less frequent and quieter.	
5.7	Cllr A expressed his concerns over the likely reduction in bus services due to NGT.	
5.8	Cllr C asked that it be noted that any detrimental effect to current bus services be protected by the Quality Bus Service.	NOTED
5.9	Cllr C asked if consideration would be given as to how current bus services could link in with the Park & Ride service. AW advised that there were ongoing discussions taking place with Metro on partnerships	
5.10	Cllr C asked what consideration had been given in terms of linking all of the different service in Leeds to consider how best to provide a full plan taking into account the 2000 properties due to be built along the NGT corridor and given the likelihood of a reduction in bus services this would increase the number of cars on the road.	
	Meeting closed 12.00 pm	