

Appendix 3



North West Inner Area Committee Transport Group 11th November 2008 7.00pm, West Park Centre

Present:

Councillor Ben Chastney (Chair), Nicola Price (Area Management), Cllr Penny Ewens, Lisa Brannan (University of Leeds), Philip Purkis (LCAG & Sustrans), Andrew Hall (LCC, Highways Transport Strategy), Alan Thorn (resident), Ross Chapman (resident), David Tuck (resident), Richard Perkin (resident), John Dickinson (resident), Cllr John Illingworth, David ?, Richard Ellis (LCC, Highways Traffic Management), Doug Kemp (West Park Resident's Association) Steve Taylor (West Park Resident's Association), Paul Marchant (Ash Road Resident's Association) and David Hall (FHVS and Sustrans).

Apologies:

Jade Corcoran (LCC, Planning), Mark Warner (LMU) and Mike Willison (Churchwood/Drummonds Residents Association).

Action

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Cllr Chasney introduced himself as the new chair of the North West Inner Area Committee Transport Group and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also apologised for the fact there had not been a meeting in a while and confirmed that regular meetings would be held from now on.

Noted

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 Arising from 3.1 – Parking – Richard Ellis reported that large scale consultation is going on in the area with 800 properties having been consulted. They have received 230 written responses and this has caused a slight delay to the programme as they are having to address the issues in these responses one by one.

Noted

2.2 Arising from 2.2 – parking outside shops Far Headingley – it was raised that the new highway signs have changed to 2hrs parking limit but this is not needed inbound on an evening. RE to check signs and report back.

RE

2.3 Arising from 3.4 – Glen Road – It was raised that there is a problem with Richmond House school around opening and closing times, Cllr C reported that the school are looking at possible changes to the drop off/pick up points, which may alleviate some of the problem.

Noted

Cllr Illingworth reported that there are similar problems around Kirkstall Primary school, RE agreed to find out more information.

RE

	RE also reported that Becketts Park and Headingley Mount are the next areas that will be looked at regarding parking and that highways are aware that the parking will keep moving further out and provisions will be provided for this as necessary.	Noted
2.4	Andrew Hall made the meeting aware that at the moment priority for parking assessments are being given to town and district centres as this is the direction given from Leeds City Council's Executive Board.	
	PM raised the fact the Ash Road had been supposed to be getting a parking scheme for a long time but it has never materialised. RE to check and report back.	RE
2.5	Arising from 6.1 – Waitrose application for Meanwood Road – Cllr C reported that the planning application had been technically agreed but has been deferred and delegated until the highways issues have been resolved. Section 106 monies have also been agreed in case of future traffic problems.	Noted
2.6	Arising from 6.2 – RE to send NP a copy of the report on Butcher Hill safety to circulate with the minutes.	RE/NP
2.7	Arising from 3.1 – Parking on grass verges – RE advised the group that parking on grass verges with no restrictions on is a matter for the police but the vehicle does need to be causing an obstruction for action to be taken. It was agreed this should be an item on the next agenda.	NP
3.0	Proposed A660 bus lane widening Woodhouse Moor – Andrew Hall	
3.1	AH reported that as the Supertram replacement scheme is still in the discussion stage highways are looking at how they can improve times for journey's into town in other ways. At the Woodhouse Lane/Clarendon Road junction outline proposals have been prepared for improvements to the pedestrian facilities with the removal and relocation of the inbound A660 bus stop and provision of a bus priority lane. Further opportunities are the subject of early investigation.	Noted
	Members of the group raised concerns about the scheme, including over the proposed bus lane widening and subsequent loss of cycle lane.	Noted
	A query was raised over whether motorcycles and taxis would be allowed to use the lane but AH confirmed this had not yet been decided.	Noted
	RE reported that METRO have agreed they need a new ticketing system but this is still in the conception stage at present.	Noted
4.0	Park and Ride schemes – Andrew Hall	
4.1	AH reported that highways are willing to look again at the possibility of buying some land at Boddington Hall and it was also agreed to look at the possibility of space at the Lawnswood government buildings.	AH

5.0	Cycle Hire Schemes and £50k cycle route from Leeds Met – Andrew Hall	
5.1	LB reported that Utravel have recently launched a cycle hire scheme for both universities and have so far hired out 150 bicycles to students. Leeds University also already have 1000 students who arrive every day by bike. PP raised the issue that infrastructure improvement on the A660 are needed to make cycling safer and that a report on cycling is going to the next Inner North West Area Committee and everyone is welcome to attend the meeting on Thurs 18 th Dec, 7pm @ West Park Centre.	Noted
	AH reported that a report has gone again to the regional transport board to try and get a Leeds wide integrated cycle hire scheme.	Noted
	The cycle route that is being implemented with the Section 106 money will run from Harrowby Road to Batcliffe Drive, which will mean you can then cycle from Butcher Hill to Leeds City Centre off road.	Noted
6.0	Additional Traffic Pressures due to Students	
6.1	The main problem students bring are parking related rather than traffic, also applies to staff at the two universities, and concerns are around the safety hazards they bring.	Noted
	Cllr C reported that he is still in discussions with Leeds Met about their green transport plan and any progress will be reported at this meeting.	Cllr C
7.0	A65 issues	
7.1	AH reported that the current focus on the A65 is a quality bus corridor and the installation of pelican crossings at every other bus stop.	Noted
	The traffic signals at Beecroft Street are still up for discussion as they are part of the wider discussions about the Beecroft Centre.	Noted
	An issue about noise on the road was also raised and noted.	Noted
	Cllr Illingworth raised the issue of the narrow strip of land that was originally going to be included. AH agreed to look at whether this was feasible given the current budget.	AH
8.0	Any other business	
8.1	West Park Centre – The future of the building is being discussed at the next Inner North West Area Committee.	Noted
8.2	Kerbstones – information on policy was requested as when the bottom of Weetwood Avenue was resurfaced they removed some of the attractive stone kerbstones. To add in to earlier requested report.	NP
8.3	Kirkstall – Cllr I reported that in consultation some of the residents had requested to have the stone setts left without tarmac over them. To find out if possible and add to report.	NP

8.4 Grass verges – a query was raised over whether verges that had been tarmaced over could be reverted to grass. To find out if possible and add to report.

NP

9.0 Key Messages

9.1 There were no key messages.

Noted

10.0 Date and time of next meeting

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 15th December, 7.00pm @ West Park Resource Centre