

Luton & South Beds Joint Committee
Notes of the Meeting of the Member Steering Group held at the JTU Offices
at Capability Green, Luton on 06th October 2009

Those present:-

Members:-

Cllr. Roy Davis – Chair (LBC)
Cllr. Tom Nicols Vice Chair (SBDC)

Officers:-

Chris Pagdin (LBC)
Lachlan Robertson (LBC)
David Atkinson (LBC)
John Ironside (NHDC)
Keith Dove (LBC)
Neil McKillen (Go-East)
Trevor Saunders (CBC)
Paul Cook (CBC)
Jennifer Bogle (Administrator)

Apologies Received:-

Cllr Tom Brindley
Colin Chick

	Action
<p>1. <u>Matters Arising from the meeting held on 7th October 2009</u></p> <p>The Minutes were read and accepted by all present.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Reports to Joint committee</u></p> <p><u>Local Development Scheme report and Local Development Scheme</u></p> <p>LR The Joint Committee had previously approved the LDS for submission to the S/S. Now seeking formal adoption.</p>	

A discussion followed

It was noted that NM will be meeting with JI and A. Bevin to a view to incorporating North Herts. Timetable.

LR proposed submission of LDS report and LDS document to Joint Committee

ALL present were in agreement.

Emerging Core Strategy Public Consultation: Overview of the type of responses received and the overall levels of support and objections to its emerging contents.

It was noted that this report is a work in progress.

DA reported some of the key statistics from the consultation.

DA was asked with reference to the geographical picture – How many responses were inside and outside of East of Luton?

Action: question is to be referred to the JTU for further analysis.

Postcards and petitions are recorded under group responses.

DA highlighted some responses to Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee Core Strategy Preferred Options Summary document.

112 letters were anonymous. In addition some responded both yes and no to the set questions or did not specify a clear response.

It was noted that the key information in this statistics was geographical response data for those based in Luton, Central beds and the surrounding areas.

DA is confident that the JTU will have a complete picture by 23rd October.

<p>3 <u>Joint Transportation Committee Items</u></p> <p>Deferred to A.O.B.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Update on progress of evidence preparation</u></p> <p><u>Transport modelling</u></p> <p>KD reported that there are currently two pieces of work ongoing.</p> <p>The issue of spare capacity of highway network to provide headroom in advance of building strategic transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Also queue turning count surveys have taken place. This work will compare observed and modelled queue lengths to determine whether there is spare capacity at key points on the network.</p> <p>The additional road side interviews to develop the transport model are due to take place next week and the week after. These will not include the Linslade area as it is deemed not necessary as Linslade was surveyed in 2007.</p> <p>Also there is an interim 2007 model that has been developed to redress issues regarding the West of Luton development.</p> <p>The next Transport Modelling Forum meeting is due to be held on 21st October.</p> <p><u>Infrastructure Study</u></p> <p>The infrastructure study commissioned by Luton Gateway looks at the needs across the growth area.</p> <p>EDAW/AECOM is the company working on a set of possible scenarios and their implications for the local infrastructure which would deliver the growth agenda for housing and jobs. Its (delayed) report is needed by JTU to feed into the Core Strategy The results will be available by 12th October</p> <p>RD asked that members receive this information as soon as it is available. Action: LR</p>	<p>LR</p>

Delivery Strategy presentation

LR reports that The Delivery Strategy is made up of four elements

- Strategic site specific – types of land those that we can allocate e.g. North Dunstable
- Other Capacity Sites
- Contingency
- What can be achieved

It was noted that the strategy implied that all sites are to be progressed.

The Core Strategy Housing Delivery Trajectory 2011-2031 Figures based on present predicted growth. However it was noted that it is difficult to predict housing need as government policies and needs change.

Luton Gateway are having a Developers forum on 8th and they have invited all the key stakeholders/interested parties who will be delivering this programme

LR also reported we will be asking developers to give us a risk analysis so that we can then develop contingency plans against preferred options.

A discussion followed

It was noted that government advice on contingency planning is quite vague.

It was noted that there was a need to be reasonably certain how to take this forward. First principle is that there are contingency sites available. TS commented that smaller sites could be viewed as contingencies.

It was proposed that the JTU draw up a list of contingencies for future discussion. This will improve the deliverability of the Core Strategy. Action JTU.

Jl indicated that NHDC will continue to argue that there is

<p>a better strategic alternative in the first instance to East Luton.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Budget (update)</u></p> <p>No further budget papers were submitted at meeting LR reports that there are budget pressures: e.g. traffic modelling, printing and consultation costs. There is a need to keep a close eye on the budget for the remainder of the year. Pre-submission consultation needs will need to be minimised wherever possible.</p>	
<p>6 <u>Member Steering Group protocol</u></p> <p>Document tabled at meeting – read by those present</p> <p>It was noted that those present are happy with the overall document.</p> <p>The issuing of paper reports was discussed.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that only the Members are to receive papers at present. Should other participants of the MSG wish to receive papers a formal request will need to be made to the JTU or via Chair and Vice-Chair of the JC.</p>	<p>LR</p>
<p>7. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p><u>Supplementary Planning Document for South Beds</u></p> <p>The report was read by all present</p> <p>CP reports that paragraph 6.1 has set out the main amendments to the previously agreed SPD.</p> <p>A brief discussion followed. It was noted that the changes to the document were marginal.</p> <p>All present where happy for the document to be submitted to the Joint Committee.</p> <p><u>Transport Update</u></p> <p>KD reports; Junction 10A (not in report) – a meeting was</p>	

<p>recently held with the Highways Agency where two options were put forward. Plus a third option which takes London Road underneath existing roundabout – Highways Agency are prepared to look at all 3 options which will form a debate to take the options forward.</p> <p>KD tabled Major Transport Schemes report update: The report. Its purpose was to brief the Joint Committee on the latest position on the major transport schemes</p> <p>KD presented the report in summary which covered:</p> <p>RFA have come forward with an extra 8.1m for Luton Town Centre and other funding initiatives</p> <p>MI Widening and A5 M1 Link including Mi Junction 11A</p> <p>Luton Dunstable Busway tenders are to be put forward in January</p> <p>East West Rail – Were reported to be very enthusiastic and moving up on the agenda quite quickly.</p> <p>It was noted that Paragraph 5.12 is to be written/read in the past tense. Action KD to amend this</p> <p><u>CIL Letter</u></p> <p>CIL letter is to be presented to Joint Committee on 23rd October via the minutes of this MSG meeting. Should there be no objections, letter is to be sent out immediately following meeting.</p> <p><u>Local Transport Plan 3</u></p> <p>The local transport plan report was presented by Paul Cook, to advise the Committee on Central Bedfordshire’s preferred to Local Transport plan partnership with Luton Borough Council.</p> <p>It noted that there is a strong commitment from Central Bedfordshire Council to work with Luton and that it was felt nothing proposed in this report changes this.</p> <p>A discussion followed.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>JB/SH</p>
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<p>It was proposed that further discussion was needed and the report was to be represented at a later date, as more thought was needed for this process. RD reiterated that the current proposals are unacceptable to LBC.</p> <p>It was noted that RD is happy for LBC to discuss separately with CBC on how they wish to progress this matter. It was also notice that this view needs to be consistent with the LDF.</p> <p><u>Forward plan</u></p> <p>LR presented a Forward Plan for the Joint Committee and Joint Technical Unit.</p> <p>It was proposed that this paper be taken away by the members ,due to time constraints of the meeting, and looked at in the next couple days. All members and interested parties are asked to send their comments via email to Lachlan.Robertson@luton.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Schedule of Council meetings</u> Schedule of future meetings was presented to all present.</p> <p>The Joint Committee meeting on 6th November is cancelled as there will be no new business to report at this point.</p> <p>The document was read by all present. The meeting of the 10th November has been cancelled. Action: JB will be contacting members for alternative dates</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JB/SH</p> <p>JB</p>
<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>21st October 2009, Venue: Regus House, Capability Green. Time: 2:30</p>	