

Minutes of JTB Member/Officer working group on Air Quality

Tuesday 16th September, 2008 at 5pm

Committee Room, Council Offices, Argyle Road

Present: Cllr. Loney (SDC): Cllr. Coates (SDC) Mr. London (KCC): Mr. Nick Chard (KCC); Richard Wilson (SDC); Alex Dawson (SDC); Malcolm Appleby (KCC)

Apologies: Cllr. Dibsall; Alan Ash (KCC)

1. Matters arising from meeting 3rd June, 2008

Item 4. Still to be actioned:-

KCC to provide rationale and locations for any surveys they have undertaken at Seal (Malcolm Appleby/Alan Ash)

2. Update on traffic congestion proposals:

Bat and Ball junction – East to West Leg

KCC – progressing well and currently producing finer details of scheme which was confirmed to be in the 08/09 work programme.

SDC – Land ownership details established but some would appear to be unregistered.

Action: To establish legal position regarding this land (Alex Dawson)

Bat and Ball junction – North to South Leg

Group would like to improve traffic movement on this leg. The traffic island was felt to impede flow especially of lorries coming from quarry who found it difficult to turn into Seal Road.

Road layout especially the railway bridge are constraints but moving the traffic island may provide relief.

It was also agreed that it was important to monitor the effect of the works to the junction overall. Crude analysis of NO₂ levels (before and after) should be possible using both Diffusion Tubes and the Bat and Ball Continuous Monitoring Station.

Actions:

1. KCC to investigate possibilities and feedback to group on works to improve the north to south leg (Malcolm Appleby)

2. To ensure local NO2 monitoring systems will provide comparative analysis information for group (Alex Dawson)

Note: Tarmac Quarry Extension – KCC have been advised by the Environmental Protection team (as Statutory Consultants) that the applicants should provide an Air Quality Assessment primarily with respect to the affect on the Bat and Ball junction.

Cory and Environmental Limited planning application is pending

Sevenoaks Town Centre

Preliminary meeting held between SDC and KCC officers where it was agreed that more surveying work needed to be undertaken, but this had not unfortunalty progressed much further.

It was agreed that councillors should be involved and a sub group formed to take forward.

At the preliminary stage this would include putting potential schemes and any associated restrictions on maps. Three sets of maps would be required:-

- Existing road traffic layout including various constraints i.e. deliveries, taxi ranks, service hatches, pinch points etc
- Existing with potential improved traffic management scheme model
- Working plan to modify

Actions:

1. KCC to provide A3 maps (Malcolm Appleby)
2. SDC to organise meeting to mark up scheme (Richard Wilson)
3. To advise JTB (7th October) of proposals (minutes of this meeting)
4. Produce initial draft

Award of DEFRA grant

The group congratulated Richard Wilson on the award of the grants towards junction improvements at Bat and Ball (£15,000) and surveying work in connection with investigating a traffic reduction proposal in Sevenoaks town centre (£10,000).

5. AOB

- There was a request that simple guidance be provided on the key drivers behind the cost benefit analysis of schemes.

Action: To be provided and circulated (Malcolm Appleby)

- Reminder of need to update on other areas

Action: To make a standard agenda item (Richard Wilson)

6. Date of next meeting

**Councillors Member room (basement) at 3 o'clock – Thursday 4th
December, 2008**