

HARROGATE DISTRICT CYCLE FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2016

1. PRESENT: Cllr Rebecca Burnett (Chair), Jo Armstrong HBC, Thomas Horner HBC, Andrew Norman HBC, Kevin Douglas HDCA, Gia Margolis HDCA, Malcolm Margolis HDCA, Martin Weeks HDCA, Rupert Douglas Sustrans.

2. APOLOGIES: Melissa Burnham NYCC had hoped to attend but due to a major traffic hold up on the A61 had been unable to get to the meeting.

3. NYCC Relief Road Proposal Update:

- a) RB said that the evidence in support of the NYCC proposals has not yet been issued and it was understood that this was work in progress. The anticipated date for this to be published was 12 months away. The next meeting of the Ring Road Steering Group was at the end of January and nothing had been issued for that meeting as yet.
- b) KD said that HDCA have not formally expressed a detailed view and were waiting to see what would come forward from NYCC. The lack of action on examining sustainable alternatives and the nature of the routes has, however, meant that HDCA are objecting to the whole proposal on what has so far been put forward.
- c) MM said that in addition he objected most strongly to any route that affected the Nidd Gorge. Other members of HDCA concurred.
- d) RB is taking part in the Steering Group and is making it clear that alternative sustainable transport options must be put forward. NYCC have given an assurance that they will be considered. TH added that the DfT would require NYCC to demonstrate that any proposal was cost effective and that all options for traffic reduction had been considered.
- e) In terms of the wider transport picture TH said that any such route could risk attracting cross-pennine traffic from other major routes adding to congestion around Harrogate.

4. STRAY ACT CONSULTATION

- a) RB said that the consultation was for a change in the Act to allow more and larger events to take place on the Stray. The Duchy of Lancaster would need to approve any proposal and they would want to see the majority view of the public.
- b) MW said that in his view the changes proposed should be viewed as a matter of degree rather than objection in principle. He thought that if the maximum number of days and the areas involved were set out then residents could comment on it sensibly. At the moment it was too open ended and residents such as himself felt it was giving away too much on that basis. RB said that view would be considered. **ACTION BY RB.**
- c) RB said that it was a long consultation period so there was time to consider all aspects.

5. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

AN presented this item which was very much welcomed by HDCA. He had been picking up on the history of developer contribution and the possibility of utilising funds for sustainable transport solutions using these funds. He led a discussion on various sites and proposals to pick up the views of the Forum members. The following main items were covered -

- i) Croft Farm Killinghall, 70/80 houses - Possible funding to connect to the Greenway at Killinghall Bridge to the north and/or Knox Mill Lane to the south. The north route could be incorporated with another development proposal at Daleside Nurseries. Agreed that this was very necessary. Expecting cyclists to use the A61 carriageway as previously suggested by NYCC was unacceptable.
- ii) St Georges Walk - funding could be used to improve the Rossett Cycle Path with improved lighting and possibly introducing a safe crossing/access at Ashville school end.
- iii) Harlow Grange, Pinewoods, RHS area - Funding available from Police HQ (limited timeframe until it expires), RHS car park, plus the area opposite the top of Duchy Road. Agreed that a "network" proposal including better links Cornwall Road to Crag Lane was a good way forward.
- iv) Killinghall Moor Playing Fields link from Queen Ethelburgas Estate to Jennyfield - Funding should be available from extensive development in the area. It was suggested that the link from this path, down Jennyfield Drive, through to Luchon Way could be called "The Jennyfield Greenway".

In respect of the timing of developer provided works there was a discussion on the need to get cycling and walking facilities in place at the same time that the highway works were carried out to ensure residents could immediately take advantage and develop sustainable travel habits. AN and TH were already planning to raise the issue with NYCC.

ACTION TH/AN.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

Attached as a separate spreadsheet.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND SECRETARIAT OF THE FORUM

HDCA members offered to support the HBC Officers attending the Forum meetings by providing Minute Taking and Agenda Circulation. RB expressed thanks for the offer and it was accepted. This would be the first meeting where the Minutes were taken by HDCA. MW said he would send the draft minutes to RB and KD for amendment / approval before general circulation.

ACTION BY MW.

8. LOCAL PLAN SITE OPTIONS WORKSHOP

- a) TH provided several plans of the main areas of Harrogate, Killinghall and Pannal showing existing committed development areas and Local Plan Proposed Development areas in relation to the existing cycle network, and proposed schemes in the Cycle Delivery Plan. There was a wide ranging discussion on possibilities for cycleways in relation to these developments. Details are not recorded here as these were marked on plans for use by TH and AN.
- b) HDCA expressed their appreciation for being given the opportunity to have input at this early stage in the Local Plan process.
- c) GM was concerned that without a detailed study some potential schemes could be missed. TH said that consideration was being given to engaging external consultants to do the detailed work. GM expressed serious concern that with only 6 months to go there was serious risk of this detailed work not being achieved. TH said that the concern was noted and HBC would be pushing ahead with this. **ACTION BY TH.**

9. AOB

- a) Nidderdale Greenway to Pateley Bridge - Funding to progress the consultation phase of the Feasibility Study. MM asked if this had been approved. TH said that the priorities for spending from the Fund would be sorted in the next month. **ACTION BY TH.**
- b) Access Fund Bid by NYCC - KD asked if anything had been heard. RB said an announcement is expected later in December.
- c) Rudding Underpass - RD and AN were meeting this afternoon to discuss this on site. Matters were progressing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to get these in the diaries as soon as practicable. MW would circulate several options for the January and April meetings so that these could be set in the diaries.

ACTION BY MW.

M Weeks

5 December 2016.