

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING WORKING PARTY**

A meeting of the Planning Working Party was held at **Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon** on **Thursday 7th October 2010 at 6.30pm.**

Present: Councillors C G Doyle (Vice Chairman as Chairman); C Osborn & T D Sanderson.

In attendance: Councillor K Sumner

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor B J Luckham.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sanderson declared a personal interest in item 5 on the agenda, as a member of the District Council.

3. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There was none.

4. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Planning Working Party meeting held on 3rd June 2010 (M1) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman. It was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes (M1) were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. **HUNTINGDON AREA WEST ACTION PLAN**

Members were asked to consider a schedule of proposed changes to the Huntingdon Area West Action Plan.

Remarks were made to the following:

SC-M25, Page 40, Appendix 1, Paragraph 1.6 (Minor Change)

Members agreed that the comment 'The *Cambridgeshire Guided Busway will be completed prior to the implementation of this Area Action Plan*' was inaccurate as no date had been set for completion.

SC-M30, Page 44, Appendix 2, Following Paragraph 2.7 (Minor Change)

Members agreed that the reference to the viaduct being removed '*when the A14 is complete and open*' was misleading as the A14 proposals were currently on hold.

Members stated it should be highlighted to Huntingdonshire District Council that the viaduct was nearing or had reached the end of its “life span” and future plans for the viaduct should be clarified.

SC-S19, Page 40, Appendix 1, Paragraph 1.5 (Significant Change)

Members agreed that reference to *‘a local access road from Hinchbrook, in the vicinity of the Hospital and Views Common to reach the former A14 post 2016 will be investigated’* should be changed to read “must be investigated as a matter of priority”

Members stated there was no reason why the investigatory process could not start immediately.

SC-S20, Page 43, Appendix 2 (Significant Change)

Members strongly disagreed that *‘in the event of the A14 re-development not proceeding, the AAP could largely be implemented and its proposals delivered’*

Members then discussed the comment *‘that it would be possible that if the Link Road does not proceed there may be a possibility of some small scale development coming forward in parts of the George/ Ermine Street area’*.

Members agreed that a new development without additional infrastructure would bring increased traffic issues to an area that already experienced heavy congestion.

SC-21, Page 43, Appendix 2, Paragraph 2.1 (Significant Change)

Members next discussed the comment that *‘land near Huntingdon Road may be used for car parking for events on a limited number of occasions in the summer months’*

Members welcomed the additional parking but agreed that clarification was required on the access points for these parking areas.

SC-S23, Page 43, Appendix 2, Paragraph 2.5 (including heading) (Significant Change).

Members agreed that the Views Common link road should be installed in advance of 2016 and did not agree to the deletion of this reference.

Members stated that they were not aware of the planning condition regards to Huntingdonshire Regional College , that *‘permission was granted with the conditions allowing for the road to be built by the developers to serve that site and developers would be expected to show how both sites would be served by the road’*.

CHAIRMAN