

Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic & Transport Delivery Group

Held at Passmore Edwards Institute 28th May 2008.

Those Present: Joe Colliver (Group Chairman) Cllr John Bennett, David Clough (PDC), Bob Mims, Jim Wright, Roger Winterburn

Apologies for absence: Received from Don McGeorge, Cllr Jacqui Head, Cllr John Pollard

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bennett and David Clough to the meeting

The main purpose of this meeting is to explore how to proceed at our next meeting when Matt Barton and Jeremy Content are due to attend as well as our new Plan Manager, Jane Sharp, who is due to start work on 9th of June.

The 2 main issues to look at are

1. The proposed junction at Tolroy
2. The traffic situation relating to ING's plans for the harbour and issues such as the proposed new junction at Phillack

John Bennett said the information was available on the website

There are 2 sections to the ING Plan both are weighty documents, the second consisting of around 500 pages.

They have taken a survey of traffic movements in April and given a projected assumption of the increase in volume in peak months. A figure of 35 per cent increase was suggested but this may be an underestimation.

The second document is useful in that it contains many diagrams and tables which could help this group.

If we are to stand any chance of persuading the Highways Agency to build a junction at Tolroy we need more support. Cllr Bennett suggested contacting Helston to see if they would support the plan.

We are aware of pressure from national government to limit car journeys and have given our support to the Park and Ride Scheme at St Erth.

The Chairman added that we have been in touch with Ian Parsons of the Highways Agency and Peter Moore of Cornwall County Council and have achieved some success in our 12 months existence.

Cllr Bennett stressed that there was very little room for movement by ING on their plans and that the traffic situation could prove critical. A traffic gridlock would make the plan unworkable.

The Chairman added that he felt we should support the ING plan as it is probably the last chance for redevelopment in Hayle.

Cllr Bennett felt we should separate the Tolroy Junction Issue from the Harbour Plan. It does not look likely that there will be a junction built in the next 10-15 years.

One possible solution to the Tolroy problem would be to introduce a weight limit for vehicles through the town with signs posted to this effect. We would need to have a good reason to ask for this measure even though it would almost certainly have strong public support.

The Chairman mentioned that Streetscape were applying to the Small Grants Scheme for funds for trees in Foundry Square

The group voted in support of this scheme

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 2nd of July at Passmore Edwards Institute