

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT GROUP OF THE HAYLE AREA PLAN PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT PASSMORE EDWARDS INSTITUTE.

Those present

Joe Colliver (Group Chairman) Cllr John Pollard (HAPP Chairman) Peter Moore (Chief Engineer Transportation Cornwall County Council) Owen Philp, Colin Philp, Roger Martin, John Wrey, Earl Bryant, Matt Barton (Deputy Chief Executive Penwith District Council) Bob Mims, Jim Wright (HAPP Treasurer) Jeff Turk David Clough (Penwith District Council) Cllr Jayne Nines (HTC) Dick & Mary Jenkin Cllr Paul Birch (Hayle Town Mayor) Tom King Joyce Hawkey Don McGeorge. Cllrs Jaqui and Chris Head (HTC) Cllr Brian Capper (HTC) Pauline Barnes.

Apologies fro. Absence

Received from Caroline Sargent and Cllr. Harry Blakeley

Chairman's comments

Group chairman Joe Colliver reminded the group that this meeting was a continuation of discussion of the subjects raised at the meeting with Ian Parsons of the Highways Agency. He added that we are looking at ways of reducing traffic congestion in Hayle and invited Colin Philp to outline a study he had prepared on the subject.

Colin Philp spoke of the heavy goods traffic coming to and from the B3302 through Hayle to access the A30 and added that the future planned development of the harbour will also increase traffic through the town. The challenge is to accommodate Highways Agency and Government policy on junctions on trunk roads. The need for a junction to relieve unnecessary traffic has been discussed and received popular support.

We are seeking advice from Peter Moore regarding roads which interface with the A30

Peter Moore was invited to respond which he did by referring to Colin Philip's sketch of a westbound junction at Tolroy

He said the highways Agency would be very tight on standards and referred to a letter from Ian Parsons which suggested the cost of such a full interchange could be in excess £5million.

He felt the prospect of this being paid for from the public purse was very unlikely .the only other source of funding would be from a

private developer. Obviously the development would need to be large enough for a private developer to get involved financially.

Colin Philp pointed out that the proposed development in Hayle involves some 700 new homes.

Comments / points made

The new Marsh Lane Industrial and Retail Park has added to the weight of traffic and disrupted bus times.

Cllr Brian Capper stressed the impact of the packing station at Leedstown and the affect on the Wheal Alfred road of 44 ton lorry traffic and warned of the effects this would have in the future.

Jacquie Head reported on comments from Gary Kellow of R&R Transport.

Peter Moore said we would have to justify not using alternatives routes

Bob Mimms added that finance was the primary consideration. Work should be done properly and the longer the delay the more costs would escalate. A junction would have far reaching benefits for the town. Up to 6 developers might consider contributing to the cost.

Mat Barton said Penwith District Council were working with ING and were waiting to see what contribution ING were intending to make to traffic matters.

Owen Philp asked Peter Moore what plans the County Council had to relieve traffic congestion in Hayle

Peter Moore said that the County Council were obliged to look at larger projects which meant smaller towns sometimes lost out. He felt that Hayle had been fairly fortunate so far.

Earl Bryant mentioned the traffic congestion on the westbound A30 approaching the Loggans Moor roundabout and the Marsh Lane site

The Chairman proposed a feasibility study to see if a junction were possible taking all aspects into consideration including plans from ING he mentioned the possibility of European convergence funding.

The possibility of widening Wheal Alfred Road was suggested

John Pollard asked about the future plans for Hayle

Peter Moore added the Local Transport Plan goes as far as 2011
The future would be in the Local development Framework and
Matt Barton should be able to advise on this.

It was suggested we invite ING Traffic consultants Burro Happod
to the next meeting

The Chairman said that at this point it is not our remit to look for
finance but to look for solutions and come up with positive ideas to
improve the situation.

David Clough of PDC said that the LDF was at an early stage
And suggested we wait until we learn what plans ING have for the
traffic flow.

John Nunn asked whether Traffic Impact Assessment would be
impartial and was assured that it would be

Peter Moore suggested we might ask ING and Burro Happod to
widen their scope regarding the TIA.

Bob Mims added that traffic flow is very different in summer as
opposed to winter and we understand that Hayle is second only to
Newquay in the number of visitors in high season .he mentioned
Loggans Road and Lethlean Lane as two problem spots.

Peter Moore added that traffic in Cornwall was increasing
everywhere.

Streetscape

Don McGeorge reported on work at Foundry Square and said
trees had been promised by Arthur Roberts.

The remainder of the project regarding reversing traffic flow round
the car park and introducing a one way system for Station Hill and
Bakery Hill would need more consideration regarding feasibility
and cost

John Pollard asked about the opening up of Isis gardens.

Hayle Mayor, Cllr Paul Birch said it was a mish mash of colours.
Some of the work by the posts had not been finished and there

was a sizeable hole by the sorting office He asked when this was going to be put right.

Peter Moore said he would pass these concerns on to the project manager.

Jim Wright voiced concerned about Royal mail vehicles turning right out of the sorting office and also about parking difficulties.

Cllr Capper agreed with Cllr Birch adding that the blue used in Foundry Square should match that already used in Copperhouse.

The point was made that the original choice should have been correct and that those responsible should pay for the work to be corrected. Peter Moore said he would investigate.

The chairman asked if a plan could be put to the management group concerning cycle paths along Penpol Terrace.

John Pollard asked for market square in Copperhouse to be included in next phase of Streetscape

The Chairman thanked Mr Moore for coming to the meeting and looked forward to continuing discussions on the points raised

The meeting closed at 9.15