

DRAKELOW LIAISON GROUP

THIRD MEETING

2ND DECEMBER 2009

ATTENDEES:

Chris Chatfield (CC) - RBL Estate Manager
Neil Riley (NR) – E.ON
Darren Bell (DB) – David Lock Associates
Simon Tucker (ST) – David Tucker Associates
Victoria Walker (VW) Beattie Communications
Jean Blackman (Chair) – Walton-on-Trent Parish Council
Cllr Bob Wheeler – South Derbyshire Council
Cllr Mike Lacey – Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Julia Jessel – East Staffordshire Council
Cllr Alison Legg – East Staffordshire Council
Cllr Alan Lees – Coton on the Elms Parish Council
Cllr Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley Parish Council
Cllr Terry Nicklin, Netherseal Parish Council
Cllr Roger Bell – Barton under Needwood Parish Council
Cllr John Powell – Linton Parish Council
Richard Wain – Burton Civic Trust
Adrian Farnsworth - The Lodge Residents
Philip Somerfield – East Staffordshire Council
Lynn Sullivan

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

Mark Todd, MP
Janet Dean, MP
Cllr Davies
Cllr Grosvenor
Cllr Timms
Paula Whirrity
Mr White
Cllr Jones
Dr Eaton
Michael Rogers
Cllr Grant
Cllr Bambrick
Cllr Wheeler
Cllr Ackroyd

	Action By:	Target Date:
<p>1. Review of minutes from last meeting BC to add Terry Nicklin onto attendees of last minute's meeting. Terry Nicklin proposed acceptance of previous minutes, this was seconded by Sheila Jackson.</p>	VW	ASAP
<p>2. Update regarding the Planning Applications Darren Bell (DB) provided an update on the planning submission. The application was submitted seven months ago and in depth consultation has been underway with statutory consultees. The two key things which have caused delay have been discussed with the Highways Agency (HA) and the Environment Agency (EA).</p> <p>Further information has been submitted by way of an addendum to the Environmental Statement to answer queries in terms of transportation, flooding, air quality and noise. Further comments can be made to this documentation until the 22nd December 2009.</p> <p>The additional flood information has satisfied the EA which is now happy with the scheme and we understand that the EA has now removed its objection.</p> <p>The team is expecting a response from the HA imminently so that a decision on the application can be made by South Derbyshire District Council early in the New Year.</p> <p>RW queried the situation with the separate application regarding a pedestrian bridge across the river. JJ confirmed this is needed for access to Branston schools.</p> <p>DB confirmed that the policy team and SCC have raised a number of issues which need to be resolved, but as the team's time has been committed to resolving issues with the main application this has not yet been actioned and resubmitted.</p> <p>A query was raised with regards to adequate clearance for the boat club. DB confirmed that a meeting was held with the boat club. The clearance is in excess of that required for flood levels so it provides 2-3m of additional clearance over normal levels which the boat club is happy with.</p> <p>It was agreed an update would be provided at the next meeting.</p>	DB	Next Meeting
<p>3. E.ON update NR confirmed that E.ON is still having positive discussions with Natural England and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The key principles regarding the boundary of the site are almost concluded.</p> <p>E.ON is also in discussion with the EA regarding technical resolution regarding the cooling water intake, these are close to resolve so formal sign off should be imminent.</p>		

<p>4. Drainage</p> <p>A note was produced by ST and circulated to the meeting (please find this note attached to the minutes).</p> <p>It was agreed that the 30% reduction in outflow to the River Trent which would be delivered post development was positive.</p> <p>Cllr Lacey highlighted that he was very impressed with his site tour of the EON and Roger Bullivant sites. Despite the recent heavy rainfall he was surprised at how low the water levels in the Brook were and this was testament to the work that RBL has undertaken. This, coupled with the additional work proposed, was very impressive and welcomed.</p> <p>PS added that he commended the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage and wanted to know how these areas would be managed once in place. DB explained that the Design and Access Strategy within the application materials is looking at establishing a Trust to manage the open areas, including SUDS.</p>		
<p>5. Transport</p> <p>ST provided an update on transport and traffic. Staffordshire County Council has confirmed that it is not pursuing the Government funds which were allocated for the provision of Branston Interchange therefore the third river crossing cannot currently progress.</p> <p>He highlighted that an Addendum to the application has been submitted which agreed with SCC, DCC and HA trip generation statistics and estimated time of journeys which would be made to and from the site.</p> <p>This information has been tested through Staffordshire County Council's model which has been prepared by Atkins. This covers the entire Burton area and provides a worst case scenario.</p> <p>DCC has been involved in this debate. The information from this exercise supported the findings from the original Traffic Assessment and the principles are now agreed, a response is awaited from the HA.</p> <p>This response should also determine the final mitigation measures required for the A38 in order to determine what needs to be provided as part of the application conditions.</p> <p>ST tabled a map highlighting the route of the Walton Bypass, where road widening will take place, improvements to Cauldwell Lane/ Cadley Hill, including road alignment, new traffic light signals and safety improvements. The crossroad was identified in the Traffic Assessment as a major accident area and a number of solutions are being considered.</p> <p>ST explained that a raft of traffic, junction and road improvements had been put to the local authority as part of the application which will be assessed and a final strategy of investment agreed.</p>		

<p>The plan also highlighted bus improvements including extending the route and providing additional high quality services.</p> <p>The area of the map towards Burton includes a re-alignment of the railway bridge to improve visibility and measures along Rosliston road with a number of solutions to remedy issues.</p> <p>At St Peter’s Roundabout, SCC already has a number of improvements lined up for the coming year including kerb realignment to increase capacities. The impact of the development shows what additional works will be required.</p> <p>In addition a budget of several million pounds has been identified for improvements in Burton to deal with the development, this will be undertaken either through a S106 or secured by conditions. The sums of money are agreed with SCC via their mechanism which is based on the number of trips coming arising from the development.</p> <p>ST is also in discussion with the HA regarding improvements to the A38 which is likely to be a contribution to the HA to make a series of improvements.</p> <p>ST will be able to provide further updates regarding the mitigation measures which have been agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>JP highlighted that the bends on Cadley Hill Road are vicious and the removal of the hedgerows has improved visibility and made the issue worse. He highlighted a roundabout would be preferable to traffic under the railway bridge.</p> <p>ST explained that they are looking at diverting the road and looking at natural measures such as reintroducing hedgerows, trees and fencing which is proven to reduce speeding.</p> <p>JJ highlighted that Barton Parish Council will take up issues with SCC including the roundabout by Tesco as any improvements to St Peter’s Roundabout could compound current issues.</p> <p>JJ highlighted that improvements are needed on the A38. In addition, the route through Barton leads to the A50 and SCC insists there is nothing that can be done.</p> <p>PS highlighted that he had sight of the County Council letter regarding technical issues with setting aside the third river crossing, which may reappear in the future, which encourages investment into Burton and he feels January is too optimistic for a decision.</p> <p>ST explained that assumptions have been made that traffic will go onto the A38 and funding will be provided for mitigation measures. The HA needs to take a view on the impacts and agree these measures.</p> <p>ST highlighted that he is keen to share the information and findings from the studies as well as discussing the best mitigation measures through the liaison group so that we can work together to allay fears.</p>	<p>ST</p>	
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<p>SJ voiced concerns regarding traffic moving along the A444. She was disappointed that DCC hasn't liaised with the parish councils.</p> <p>TN felt that the traffic lights were a good idea in addition to the more natural improvements to slow traffic. Building new roads simply encourages more people to actually use a car rather than seeking alternatives.</p> <p>Cllr Lacey highlighted that there would be a reduction in commercial vehicles on local roads as all of the Roger Bullivant vehicles would use the Walton Bypass rather than travelling through local towns and villages. It would have a positive impact on Burton and alleviating problems at St Peters Bridge and in Stapenhill.</p> <p>RB highlighted that HGVs are an issue in Barton.</p> <p>ST reiterated that RBL vehicles would use the A38 – not Barton roads. He also confirmed that the development proposes light commercial not warehousing uses.</p> <p>The bypass also includes a construction management plan which will be shared in detail with the liaison group to ensure we minimise any issues for local people. This includes not putting HGVs through Barton as well as RBLs commitment that it will not use Barton as a route.</p> <p>In addition, the Walton Bypass approval includes funds for the provision of number plate recognition cameras to ensure that HGVs have to adhere to weight limits, unless they are preapproved for access reasons.</p> <p>AF queried the issues for pedestrians on Walton Road. ST explained that pedestrians as well as cyclists have been considered and this road would be widened. He highlighted that the grass verge compounded issues at the moment and kerbing will make a big difference. It is likely to provide some 8 metres of width.</p> <p>DCC also has a greenways strategy which incorporates improvements from Staffs to north of the site using the river, Walton and onto the pedestrianised Bailey Bridge.</p> <p>AF queried if the footpath by the power station could be finished.</p>	<p>NR</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>RB – Queried the level of joint working between east and west especially in light of the Regional Spatial Strategy recommending additional homes.</p> <p>DB – explained that an agreement has been signed between ESBC and SDDC to encourage collaborative working. He explained that the policy defines this site as within South Derbyshire, but that the door is open for joint working. This means that Burton's numbers should not significantly increase as there is recognition that Drakelow Park is providing homes for people working in Burton.</p>		

<p>PS highlighted he was disappointed this didn't go further. 12,900 homes are identified as required in East Staffordshire and hoped that the panel would highlight that Drakelow Park can provide some of these.</p> <p>The panel's report is currently with the Secretary of State and consultation will take place in the new year.</p>		
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>03/03/10</p>