

DRAKELOW LIAISON GROUP

FOURTH MEETING

3rd MARCH 2010

ATTENDEES:

Chris Chatfield (CC) - RBL Estate Manager
 Neil Riley (NR) – E.ON
 Heather Pugh (HP) – David Lock Associates
 Simon Tucker (ST) – David Tucker Associates
 Victoria Walker (VW) Beattie Communications
 Jean Blackman (Chair) – Walton-on-Trent Parish Council
 Cllr Henry Timms – South Derbyshire Council
 Cllr Alison Legg – East Staffordshire Council
 Cllr Alan Lees – Coton on the Elms Parish Council
 Cllr Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley 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
 Paula Whirrity – The Lodge Resident
 Val Gwilliam – Stapenhill Parish Council
 Cllr Peter Beresford – East Staffordshire Borough Council
 Cllr Peter Davies – Staffordshire County Council

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

Mark Todd, MP
 Janet Dean, MP
 Cllr Grosvenor
 Cllr Wheeler
 Dr Eaton

	Action By:	Target Date:
1. Review of minutes from last meeting These were approved.		
2. Update regarding the Planning Applications Heather Pugh (HP) explained that Darren Bell had left the company and she would be providing an update on the planning submission. Additional information was submitted to supplement the planning application in November 2009. The consultation period closed at Christmas and the council had now met with the team to clarify final queries.		

<p>The Environment Agency has now written to the council to confirm that it has no objections to the application.</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council planning committee has met to debate the application and drafted a formal response. They have no formal objection to the application but would like to remain involved in terms of transport and Section 106 legal agreements.</p> <p>In terms of South Derbyshire District Council's planning department review of the application, we have not been given a formal date but are hoping for late spring/early summer.</p> <p>The remaining issues to be resolved include agreeing the contribution to local transport network improvements and the Highway's Agency agreement regarding the impact on the A38.</p> <p>John Powell queried the footbridge application progression. Simon Tucker (ST) confirmed that this was withdrawn due to police safety issues and the team has been concentrating on the main application so this hasn't been reviewed yet. He explained that the two applications are separate and it is likely that the bridge application will not be prioritised until the main application is finalised.</p>		
<p>3. E.ON update</p> <p>Neil Riley (NR) highlighted that E.ON has resolved the technical details with the Environment Agency on fish and fish screening. E.ON is still in discussion with Natural England. Once the final queries are clarified the documentation would be completed.</p> <p>Cllr Timms asked if there was a confirmed start date. NR explained that this was still to be determined and there have been some delays due to the economic recession.</p> <p>Roger Powell queried the approval timeline. NR explained that once consultation discussions were concluded it was likely to take DEC in the region of 4 – 5 months to process the application so hopefully a decision would be confirmed by the end of the year.</p> <p>Paula Whirrity queried the progress of work at the entrance to C Gate. NR confirmed that they are in discussion with DCC and there are a number of legalities to tie up. The contractors are in place to start when this is resolved, which will hopefully be towards the end of April/early May.</p>		
<p>4. Transport</p> <p>Simon Tucker (ST) explained that an addendum was submitted to the planning application and we are awaiting formal responses from Staffordshire County Council and the Highways Agency. Derbyshire County Council had now agreed the mitigation measures which had been outlined for roads and junctions in Derbyshire.</p> <p>There recommendations include widening Walton Road up to the northern entrance (which is a site entrance to access Roger Bullivant</p>		

Ltd) and to realign priorities and improve the approach to the railway bridge. A contribution will be made to improvements to Caudwell Road and the T-junction.

The Rosliston Crossing would also be improved and is likely to include some land take to improve visibility at the t-junction. The accident rate at this crossing is high and funds are being made available to improve the access.

In addition to the £4.2million package of local road improvements and investment into Walton Bypass, a £100,000 sum will be given towards unidentified works. This would deal with the 'ripple effect' of the development and handle any issues arising.

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.

The plan also highlighted bus improvements including extending the route and providing additional high quality services. Overall, a £500,000 investment is being made into green travel planning, including travel management and public transport.

A strategy will be put into place for annual reviews including surveys to discuss what additional measures will be required and to agree how the additional funds will be best used. This will provide flexibility for the authorities.

ST explained that he was hoping for clarity from the Highways Agency within the next month if possible. Highways is the only outstanding issue and once resolved the application will go to planning committee.

Jean Blackman queried progress on the Walton Bypass. ST confirmed that the legal agreements needed to be signed. He had met with Derbyshire last week and made significant progress. He expects that the detailed design will be concluded within the next few weeks. This includes reprogramming to deal with seasonal constraints and floodplain digging out. The ideal start date is February and the planning application needs to be implemented before it runs out in 2012.

Jean Blackman also queried the mechanism for feeding back the effects of the new development at Drakelow Park. Simon explained that the travel strategy has a managerial role and this manager will liaise with Parish and District councils as well as County Councils. The part time role may be part of the local authority remit or part of the management team on the site itself.

An annual report will be produced. This will include continual monitoring of the two site access roads and surveys of staff and residents as well as reviewing local roads and discussing with parish councils.

The steering group will then meet to discuss the report findings and agree new investment and road upgrades. ST highlighted that in these

<p>cases the funds are given to the local authority to be held until the steering group agrees how they will invest the cash. The fine details and constitution of the group will form part of the Section 106 legal agreement (which would be part of any planning permission for the site.)</p> <p>Cllr Davies queried if any issues had been raised by ESBC particularly with regards to issues at Stapenhill and increasing traffic on Rosliston Road.</p> <p>ST explained that ESBC hadn't taken a view and had no objections provided SCC provided approval. He highlighted that one advantage for Stapenhill was that currently there are 600 vehicle movements a day in Stapenhill from Roger Bullivants, especially HGVs and these would be diverted via the Walton Bypass; therefore traffic would be reduced in Stapenhill.</p> <p>He explained that the assessments take into account that car traffic will increase through to the St Peter's Bridge roundabout and the county had identified a scheme to improve this roundabout.</p>		
<p>5. AOB</p> <p>Roger Bell queried the strategic planning context and the status of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Heather Pugh explained that there was no defined date for the final report and which housing numbers the site will contribute to. However the steer that we had been given was that the numbers would contribute to South Derbyshire's targets.</p> <p>South Derbyshire's Core Strategy document has been published and assumes that Drakelow Park will contribute to its numbers.</p> <p>Cllr Timms queried if there were any changes to the proposals for the Bailey Bridge crossing as part of the Walton Bypass. ST confirmed that there were no changes to the scheme the detailed designs confirmed the finer points such as the width of drainage gulleys etc.</p>		
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>TBC</p>