

DRAKELOW LIAISON GROUP

FIFTH MEETING

22nd September 2010

ATTENDEES:

Chris Chatfield (CC) - RBL Estate Manager
 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 Ken Fairbrother – 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
 John Powell – Linton Parish Council

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

Cllr Wheeler
 Cllr Grosvenor
 Cllr Gwilliam
 Cllr Fitzpatrick
 Cllr Ackroyd

	Action By:	Target Date:
<p>1. Review of minutes from last meeting These were approved.</p>		
<p>2. Update regarding the Planning Applications Chris Chatfield (CC) confirmed the application went to planning committee in late July and resolution was given to grant planning.</p> <p>Since that date the team has been in the process of dealing with the Section 106 document and negotiation are continuing.</p> <p>A query was made as to whether the application had been called in and CC confirmed this was not the case. SDDC has referred to application to Government Office which in turn has written to DCC and SCC for comment and both have responded to say they have no issues with the application.</p> <p>The status of the bridge application was queried. CC explained that this is still on hold and there will not be a resubmission while the</p>		

<p>issues raised regarding this application were dealt with. Simon Tucker (ST) explained that the planning consent granted for Drakelow Park wasn't based on a resubmission and until the S106 issues are resolved we will not be able to take stock and review this.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding any stumbling blocks with the S106. ST explained that the key discussions revolve around agreeing affordable housing requirements and the final details in terms of the transport discussions. As it is a very complex process it could take some time to conclude.</p> <p>CC explained that in terms of the education investment a figure has been requested by the County Council which the education authority has been unable to substantiate. We are awaiting confirmation from Staffordshire in terms of justifying the impact and figure requested.</p> <p>Chair JB added that if this is based on census data then it is likely to be out of date. A recent committee report has highlighted lack of capacity in local schools.</p> <p>CC explained that education provision is split between primary and secondary. A primary school will be built on site and DCC and SCC have agreed that SCC will take the secondary provision.</p> <p>It was queried if the S106 would be signed off without this issue being resolved. CC said no this would form part of the legal agreement/S106.</p>		
<p>3. E.ON update</p> <p>Neil Riley (NR) was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that an update would be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Timms queried if the power station will still be going ahead. CC confirmed the most recent information is that there has been a delay to the implementation date. The gas-fired power station does have planning permission.</p>	<p>NR</p>	
<p>4. Transport</p> <p>ST circulated updated plans. He explained that the HA issued a formal response in June stating no objections if the following were implemented:</p> <p>Travel plan – monitoring of travel behaviour with £0/75m over lifetime of development and £0.25m as a 'penalty' so if anything goes wrong with the travel plan funds are in place to implement measures to rectify these issues. This will include an annual review of how the traffic moves to and from the site and where any issues are which can be shared with Councillors and the liaison group.</p> <p>Barton Turns junction improvements</p> <p>Barton to Branston A38 improvements. This includes turning a signalised mini roundabout into a traffic lights junction at Barton Crossroads and traffic lights at Branston Interchange, at the top of the slip road.</p>		

ST explained this will not cause traffic to back up onto the A38 as it will stop opposing movements and give priority movement to the direction of heavier flows at peak times.

Queue detector loops will hold traffic at the roundabout and clear out any traffic waiting on the slip road. This junction is likely to have three lanes on every approach in 10 – 15 years time to handle future proposed growth in the area. ST confirmed there would be sensors on all of the arms of the traffic signal so it can intelligently change the phasing of the lights.

Safety improvements are proposed on the A38.

In terms of Staffordshire, they have a trip based contribution strategy and money is given based on every extra car trip generated by any development. They are likely to use the funds for Burton Town Centre improvements, bus lane priorities. £815k will be paid through a S106 on a phased basis plus penalty clauses. If the travel plan doesn't meet targets an extra £400k will then be given for further interventions.

In terms of Derbyshire the travel plan includes additional interventions over and above those discussed at the last liaison group meeting. Including Walton Bypass being in place prior to the development commencing.

It was agreed that once a start date was confirmed we will communicate this to the liaison group. CC explained that until the S106 negotiations are resolved we are unlikely to be able to confirm.

CC/VW

John Powell queried if the bypass will take the heavy vehicles for the power station away from Linton village. He said that he welcomed the construction of the bypass and is keen to see it constructed sooner rather than later.

CC explained that discussions were ongoing with EoN regarding them using Walton Bypass. It is likely that the bypass will be in place although due to weight there maybe one or two specific vehicles which might have to use this route but a traffic management plan will be prepared.

ST explained that there are 2 access points into Drakelow Park, one near today's entrance and the other where there is a gap in the trees – this will be a roundabout. This should assist with current speeding issues on this road.

Contributions are also being made for improvements on the link to Cadley Hill (crossroads), safety improvements ad the route from Walton into Rosliston.

£100k has also been agreed for off site improvements on the villages to the south and east. ST explained that this is for the 'ripple effect'. There are no specific details at the moment but the funds have been allocated for the county councils to decide how they will invest this.

<p>Cllr Timms queried the weight limits associated with the bypass. ST explained that there is a S106 in place for the bypasses planning permission to procure, fund and provide a monitoring system for a weight limit camera to enforce the weight limit.</p> <p>St also explained that a £150k contribution towards a greenway is included to improve linkages from the Riverside at Staffs to Walton. The ferrybridge to Walton is also included as part of Derbyshire's greenway strategy.</p> <p>It was agreed that a construction management plan will be produced and consulted upon and this will be undertaken once the contractor is on board.</p> <p>The committee report had challenging targets for reducing the reliance on cars. ST explained that ensuring the right infrastructure is in place at an early stage is essential. For example a high quality bus service from day one, free bus passes, personal travel planning so that people understand and are encouraged to use alternatives.</p>		
<p>5. AOB</p> <p>Cllr Timms highlighted that Walton Cricket Club is concerned that there is no agreement in place regarding stray cricket balls on the bypass. ST explained that the condition is there to provide a fence between two fixed points on the boundary of the bypass. This will be 5m high and a number of solutions are available. CC explained that we have attempted to engage the club in discussions and the net will be provided before the road opens to vehicles. As part of these discussions Bullivants also offered further facilities to the club but we haven't yet had a response to this.</p>		
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd February was agreed as the next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>2/2/11</p>