

DRAKELOW PARK LIAISON GROUP

ELEVENTH MEETING

3rd July 2013

Action By:

Target Date:

Attendees

Mrs Jean Blackman (Chair)
 Cllr Julia Jessel – East Staffordshire Borough Council
 Cllr Alison Legg – East Staffordshire Borough Council
 Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley Parish Council
 Cllr Louise Ross – Rosliston Parish Council
 Richard Wain – Burton Civic Trust
 Dr Timothy Elson – Walton Parish Council
 Pauline Whirrity – Local residents
 Val & Wes Taylor – Local Residents
 John Powell – Linton Parish Council
 Cllr Alan Lees – Coton in the Elms Parish Council
 Cllr Peter Davies – Staffordshire County Council
 Mr Philip Somerfield – East Staffordshire Borough Council
 Chris Chatfield – Drakelow Developments Ltd
 Simon Tucker – DTA Transport
 Victoria Walker – Beattie Communications

Apologies

Cllr Wheeler – Leader South Derbyshire District Council

Introductions and Welcome

Approval of minutes

Proposed and seconded as true record of the previous meeting.

Matters arising:

P6 – Cllr Paxton – VW to check spelling

Walton Bypass Update

Chris Chatfield (CC) provided an update on works on site. McAlpines are back on site sorting out snagging works. They have been working on the flood drainage which was installed last year, Reconfiguring all of the drains to ensure the water flows back out to the river at the correct rates. In addition they have mowing and improving the seed mix in the grass.

<p>Some of the temporary fencing has been removed, where the debris was getting caught in high flood. The herras fencing has also been removed. The fencing at the front of the site is also to be replaced.</p> <p>McAlpines will probably be on site for a couple more weeks and then all of the timber fencing to the road will be reinstated.</p> <p>We will then review the performance of the drainage over the winter period.</p>		
<p>Drakelow Park Update</p> <p>CC explained that at the last meeting update he had indicated Drakelow Developments had submitted a funding bid for infrastructure support to the Housing and Communities Agency (HCA).</p> <p>This bid was submitted and as a result, the S73 application (to delay the start of Walton Bypass) was put on hold. Disappointingly in June, the HCA confirmed that Drakelow Park had not been shortlisted for this infrastructure funding. Both Drakelow Developments and South Derbyshire were unhappy about this decision, particularly as the site already has planning permission and needs to come forwards despite the economic challenges.</p> <p>CC confirmed that since it has since transpired that the majority of those selected to receive funding are in the south of England.</p> <p>However, Drakelow Developments has now been approached by a major funding partner. This would include assistance in terms of the infrastructure funding for Walton Bypass as well as Drakelow Park.</p> <p>This is being progressed and Drakelow Developments has now entered into a period of exclusivity with this funding partner. There was a meeting in London yesterday and Drakelow Developments has decided to move forwards with this partner as they have displayed the ability to provide the funding to move the development forwards from as early as 2014.</p> <p>The Due Diligence process is now underway which will take a number of months. At the moment the party has to remain confidential due to a non-disclosure agreement. However, by the next meeting we should have further detail to share with the liaison group.</p> <p>As a result of this, the S73 application will remain on hold and will not be submitted. The hope is that this funding route will be successful and enable the delivery of Walton Bypass at the start of the process.</p> <p>Jean Blackman (JB) commented that from the resident's point of view that would be welcomed.</p> <p>Val Taylor (VT) highlighted that the current traffic situation on the Bailey Bridge is far worse and this would be welcomed. She requested the possibility of an updated traffic count?</p> <p>Simon Tucker (ST) outlined that at the last count there were 4,500 vehicles using the bridge. There are currently roadworks in Burton so it's likely that traffic movements have increased due to these roadworks at St Peters Island and Evershed Way.</p> <p>VT raised the query about whether HGVs will be able to use the new bridge.</p>		

ST explained the 7.5T weight limit remains in place, except for vehicles delivering or collecting within the environmental weight limit. There will be an enforcement camera in place to ensure that this is adhered to. ST explained this will work like a speed camera but instead of being triggered by speed it is triggered by weight. It then takes a photo of the licence plate if overweight. If not an approved vehicle then a fine will be automatically issued and the driver will also receive three points on their driving licence.

Philip Somerfield (PS) queried if the Due Diligence process is based on the existing consent. CC said yes that is the case.

PS added that there are some major consents being recommended at Monday's planning committee (to the south of Branston and also at Stretton) to receive planning permission. PS is happy to explain to the potential funding partners more about the local scene and other developments coming on stream.

CC explained that the funders will be looking at this and thanked PS for the offer. PS also asked if Drakelow Developments had explored anything with the Local Enterprise Partnership. CC said this had been looked at but South Derbyshire doesn't seem to feature within the LEPs' focus. CC felt they would not get assistance from regional bodies as this area seems to fall within a gap between regional bodies.

Cllr Jessel (JJ) agreed that they would be happy to champion infrastructure funding bids with the LEPs to try to work together to draw down funding to get the bridge built to the original planning rather than the S73 alternative.

Cllr Legg (AL) asked that in the last minutes it was explained that in 2012 there were additional traffic counts undertaken which showed that the traffic counts were similar to the 2000 data. Is it possible to include this information in the minutes as a table showing two-way flows over the last decade?

These counts can be found below:

Walton Road	YEAR: 2004			YEAR: 2012		
	N Bd	S B	Total	Northbd	Southbd	Total
Am Peak (0800-0900)	181	347	528	192	393	585
Pm Peak (1700-1800)	375	183	558	377	160	537

Station Road	YEAR: 2004			YEAR: 2012		
	EBd	WBd	Total	Eastbd	Westbd	Total
Am Peak (0800-0900)	296	569	865	185	460	645
Pm Peak (1700-1800)	568	233	801	412	180	592

ST explained that one of the counts, on Station Lane, showed almost 650 cars in the morning peak in 2012, but in 2004, it was actually almost 870.

Any other Business No other business was raised		
Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 th December 2013 at 7pm at Drakelow Developments Ltd headquarters. CC would convene an earlier meeting if there was more to report in the interim. It will be held at Ceram House on the Drakelow Developments Site. CC asked if anyone had any queries please contact Victoria or Chris as we are happy to assist.	04/12/13	ALL