

Cirencester Parking Demand Project

Meeting notes 23rd November 2015

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- 1. Apologies:** Christine Gore
Attendees: Councillors Nick Parsons, Chris Hancock, Sue Jepson and Mark Harris
Claire Locke, Christine Cushway, Philippa Lowe, Chris Vickery

2. Minutes of last meeting

(2) *ACTION – Chris Vickery to prioritise calculating impact of development on parking demand.*

ACTION – Report to Board in January on calculated future parking capacity required.

CL informed the Board that Fiona Woodhouse is managing this work; looking at the calculation of parking impact as a result of the local plan, assessing the potential loss of spaces from the car park improvement programme, impact from existing approved planning developments (increased demand or loss of spaces) and any other parking demand issue we have become aware of.

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(4) *ACTION – PL/CG to have discussion with SJP about how receptive they would be to green travel plan/ parking on outskirts and SJP provide shuttle service. ACTION - Carried Forward.*

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3. Overview from CV on Local Plan

Out to consultation on Reg 18 – planning policies and some strategies including Cirencester Town Centre. Have tried to take account of all relevant evidence. Cirencester Strategy is quite flexible but clear in its intent so provides the necessary context for future planning decisions.

Policies should cover all the bases i.e. a decked car park – policies should inform that decision.

One of the key things in the SPOD was the need for traffic management, need to resolve the parking issues so we know what we are dealing with in terms of traffic management. Also frees up other parking sites for development. Cirencester has a lot of potential but its development is locked up in the parking and significant investment and a holistic approach.

Next stage – whole plan consultation (Reg 19) in Spring 2016, this is the examination stage. Asking Amended to take account of new evidence. Won't invite general comments, it will be asking what within the plan is unsound.

At the moment we don't have sufficient evidence to put weight against planning decisions – need interim position. ACTION – need to identify interim position , Parking team to summarise evidence (complaints, parking data) and CL will then discuss with Planning team. Committee should take the work of this group into account – well known there is an issue we are trying to address; planning by negotiation can then see if we can get something out of developer.

Back up with Evidence, David Halkyard pages 85/86 – run past a planner (would it work)

Pages 102 – 104 – CV all key sites should have prepared a master plan based on parking impact in advance of any submission.

AOB

Civic society keen to take steps to ensure Old Station is preserved. If museum in cottages could be moved to Old Station. Significant costs to repair.

Date of next meeting – 8 Jan 2016