

Cirencester Parking Demand Project Board

Meeting notes 16 April 2018

Please note these notes are available to the public except any sections shown in yellow which must remain confidential.

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr. Mark Harris, (Chairman), Cllr. Chris Hancock, Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Cllr. Nick Parsons. Officers: Christine Gore, Jenny Poole, Claire Locke, Christine Cushway,, Bhavna Patel, Philippa Lowe, James Brain and Helen Argo (note taker)

1 Apologies: Cllr Jenny Forde, Bob McNally

2 Notes of the Last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 19 March were approved with a few small suggested tweaks regarding the OMH staircase.

Any matters arising will be addressed during the meeting.

3 Rugby Club

Traffic Assessment

Claire Locke has been talking to Atkins regarding the Traffic Assessment for the Planning Application. Atkins has appointed two of its team, one who has good local knowledge, having worked on the Cirencester Review commissioned by the County Council in 2012 and another who is a planning expert. Claire is providing the background information so they are aware of the whole picture and are able advise what studies and assessments are necessary to support the planning application.

Atkins had asked whether we could provide data on the town/village permit holders travelled from (anonymised to just show numbers travelling from each settlement)as this would assist with work to consider the impact on the highway network. Claire looked into what information we hold on current permit holders but unfortunately the information is not accurate as home address is not provided and a number of offices in Cirencester buy the permit holders for their staff so there are no personal records. It may be that some useful data can be retrieved from historic survey carried out in 2012 which identified where vehicles travelling into Cirencester were registered, using data from the DVLA (again anonymised to simply record for example X number of cars are registered in Northleach).

Christine Cushway to meet with Carter Jonas next week, 25th April for update.

There is a meeting being arranged between Council officers, Atkins and Carter Jonas to agree timescales, ensure clarity of roles and ensure we are not doubling up on work nor do we miss anything.

Gates to reduce speed on The Whiteway

It was noted that gates have been installed on the A345 at Rendcomb to reduce the speed through the parish. It was thought this may be a positive way to demonstrate the Board's commitment to the residents of The Whiteway. The cost is roughly £3,000.

Action: Cllr Mark Harris to approach appropriate County Councillor and discuss with Cirencester Town Council

Agreed that it should be a 20mph speed limit along The Whiteway until the end of the gates. The Town Council operate several traffic calming speed detectors that record your speed with either a smiley or unhappy face. The detectors have restrictions on the length of time it can be put in situ on a road and how frequently they can be used.

FAQ for the Public

Following an email to Claire Locke from a member of the public asking for information on what is happening with this area of Cirencester, Claire has prepared a preliminary list of questions and answers that will go on the website. Claire requested any suggestions/comments before asking Bob to add it to the website parking page.

Proposal for Public Consultation

It was noted that this has not been previously discussed before and that the Board should be upfront about a consultation prior to planning permission being sought. It was agreed that it should be held at the Rugby Club at the appropriate time, to discuss detailed proposals, so that it is handy for those who will be affected the most.

Text has been deleted to protect confidential information relating to specific negotiations with site owners, site purchase and lease negotiations and financial data which cannot yet be made public.

4 Masterplan

Philippa introduced James Brain, CDC Forward Planning Manager to the meeting.

James identified 4 areas where the town could be re-generated, he and his team will deliver various options within the next two months to discuss.

Agreed there should be a Masterplan Board to include members of the Parking Board and a plan for engaging with stakeholders. Suggestions that the terms of the Parking Board is changed to include the work of the Masterplan Board however it was pointed out that various topics covered by the Parking Board are confidential and should not be discussed in front of outside organisations. Possibly have two meetings, one following the other.

Mark Harris suggested organising another update on the progress of the Parking Board for stakeholders once we have further progress to relay.

5 Other updates

Waterloo

No new updates.

OMH

The staircase will be transported shortly and installed in Limerick.

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6 Communications

The amended hare design was adopted by the Board as the logo for communication about parking in order to create a positive brand.

7 AOB

Beeches Car Park Electric Charging point

A motorist with an electric car had contacted the council seeking additional electric charging points at the Beeches. Claire Locke produced figures to show how frequently the electric charging point has been used in the last month, it was felt with the way electric car sales is going that we should provide another dedicated parking space for charging at the Beeches and possibly at Moreton for another electrical charging point. The machine is designed to take two chargers so it will not cost the council to add the additional cables.

8 Date of next meeting

Monday May 21 at 2pm in the Committee Rooms.