



Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel

*Minutes of a meeting held on 11 November 2003
at the Civic Offices, Fareham*

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D R Harrison
(Chairman)

Councillor Mrs R A Godrich
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: B Bayford, P J Davies, F G Devonshire (deputising for D L Steadman), D C S Swanbrow and Mrs K K Trott

Co-opted Member Mr N J Walker

Also Present Councillors: Mrs J M Eastman, J S Forrest, A Mandry (Executive Member for Planning and Transportation) and R H Price

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D L Steadman.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel held on 16 September 2003 be confirmed and signed as a correct record ([pt-020916-m](#))

3. MEMBER STEERING GROUP – GREEN TRAVEL PLANS

Arising from consideration of the above minutes, members were referred to Minute 7 (Topic Paper – Transportation in Fareham – Green Travel Plans) wherein it had been agreed that a Member Steering Group be set up to comprise

representatives of both the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel and the Policy, Strategy and Finance Overview Panel.

It was AGREED that, subject to the concurrence of the Policy, Strategy and Finance Overview Panel:-

- (i) each Panel to appoint two representatives to the Member Steering Group, one from the Conservative group and one from the Liberal Democrat Group; and
- (ii) the representatives from Planning and Transportation Overview Panel would be the Chairman, Councillor Mrs D R Harrison and Councillor Mrs K K Trott.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made an announcement on the following matter

- (i) It was proposed to hold a training session for members regarding "The preparation of Fareham's Local Development Framework", on Tuesday 13 January 2004, commencing at 4.00pm (prior to the Panel meeting). Members would be sent details of the finalised arrangements in due course.

5. DEPUTATION

The Committee received a deputation from the following in respect of the matter indicated:-

Name	Subject	Minute No
Mr S Reeves	Railway Bridge – Station Road/Hill Road, Portchester	6

6. RAILWAY BRIDGE – STATION ROAD/HILL ROAD, PORTCHESTER

At the request of Councillor R H Price, under Standing Order 52.1, the Panel was asked to consider the following:-

“ The Panel should investigate the dangers of the single file traffic movement underneath the railway bridge in Station Road/Hill Road, Portchester.

Although this is an experimental scheme it is becoming obvious that the current working arrangements are extremely dangerous and an accident is waiting to happen. Under these circumstances the Panel should consider the risks to people's lives in this matter and make recommendations of changes necessary.

It is essential that the pavement is kept at its current width to provide safe access for pedestrians, especially those with double buggies and wheelchairs. Under these circumstances the only safe way to allow single file traffic under the bridge is to have traffic lights controlling the flow of traffic.”

Members’ attention was drawn to the deputation referred to in Minute 4 above. Councillor Price explained his reasons for submitting the matter to the Panel which was then debated by members.

Following discussion it was AGREED:-

- (i) that the present traffic situation at this location is dangerous and it is considered that the matter needs to be further investigated by Hampshire County Council; and
- (ii) that a letter be sent to Hampshire County Council asking for a detailed investigation into the safest way to maintain traffic flow through the railway bridge and that particular consideration be given to the introduction of traffic lights.

(Voting: 6 for; 1 abstention)

7. FIRST BUS COMPANY - PRESENTATION

The Panel was addressed by Mr Mike Smith, Operations Director, First Bus Company. Mr Smith began his presentation by showing members a short film entitled “Bus Users Guide to the Bus Industry”. The objective of the film, which had been produced by the National Federation of Bus Users, was to give an overview of some aspects of public transport and how it works. The ensuing discussion covered such matters such as the differing structure of bus services both within and outside of the London area and particular issues affecting bus services locally. A question and answer session followed which covered a variety of topics such as:-

- provision of school bus services
- the launch of Solent Transport
- use of smart cards
- hail and ride bus services
- disabled access provision (super low floor vehicles)
- location of the bus station
- bus lanes
- timetabling/frequency of services
- environmental issues relating to pollution

On behalf of the Panel, the Chairman thanked Mr Smith for attending the meeting and for the information he had provided regarding the operation of bus services both generally and within the Fareham area.

8. DRAFT CYCLE STRATEGY

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation which sought members' views on the draft Cycle Strategy (copy of report [pt-031111-r01-abr.doc](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Members were informed that some preliminary workshops had already been held involving local interested groups. The Panel was reminded that comments arising from this meeting would be reported to the Executive at its meeting on 24 November 2003. Subsequently, the final Fareham Cycle Strategy, amended as appropriate as a result of public consultation, would be considered by the Executive on 22 March 2004. The Panel discussed in detail a number of matters in the draft Strategy. Generally, it was the view of members that the Council should take the opportunity to make a real commitment to implementing the Strategy and providing appropriate funding.

Following further discussion and debate it was AGREED that the Executive be advised of the Panel's proposed amendments to the draft Fareham Cycle Strategy as detailed in the schedule attached to the minutes.

9. ADJOURNEMENT OF MEETING

The Chairman announced that the meeting be adjourned at 8.30pm and resumed at 8.35 pm.

It was AGREED that the meeting be adjourned.

10. VISION FOR WEST STREET VISION – CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

The Panel received a presentation from Richard Jolley, Head of Planning Policy and Development together with a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation which sought the Panel's views on the development of a Vision for West Street and the proposed consultation exercise (copy of report [pt-031111-r05-dly.doc](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Mr Jolley reminded the Panel that the Executive will consider this matter at its meeting on 24 November 2003. Some of the issues covered in the presentation were:-

- reasons for the development of a Vision for West Street
- benefits of the development of a Vision
- proposed Vision area
- identification of West Street issues
- character zones identified within West Street
- looking to the future
- developing a Vision – consultation process

Mr Jolley referred members to paragraph 9 of the report which listed a number of issues already identified as needing to be addressed in the development of a Vision for West Street. He also explained that the consultation exercise would be extensive and include:-

- public exhibitions
- explanatory leaflets to all affected residents/businesses
- workshop
- shopper/visitor survey both inside and outside the area
- notification of Ward and County Councillors and other groups/organisations/individuals as appropriate.

It was AGREED that it was the Panel's view that:-

- (i) Mr Jolley be thanked for a very informative and comprehensive presentation; and
- (ii) The Panel supports the development of a Vision for West Street and the proposed arrangements for a public consultation exercise, as detailed in the report.

11. OVERVIEW PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel reviewed its Work Programme for the year 2003/2004 (copy of report [pt-031111-r03-cge](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes). Consideration was given to a request from Councillor Mrs Trott that an item on the subject of car parking issues within and around the Town Centre be added to the current Work Programme. It was noted that since there was already an item on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in the Work Programme for the meeting on 9 March 2004 it would seem appropriate for the matter to be considered at that time.

It was AGREED:-

- (i) That the Topic Paper for consideration at the Panel's meeting on 9 March 2004 would now be on the subject of "Car Parking within and around the Town Centre" instead of "Transport in Fareham"; and
- (ii) Subject to the above amendment, the revised Work Programme for 2003/2004, as detailed in the report, be endorsed.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm
and ended at 9.28pm)

(MINUTE 8) Proposed Amendments to Draft Fareham Cycle Strategy considered by the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel at the meeting on 11 November 2003

Page No	Para No	Existing Sentence	Change	New Sentence
6	5.2	The natural geography is very favourable for cycling in Fareham; the topography is flat and the climate predominantly warm and dry.	Replace predominantly with comparatively	The natural geography is very favourable for cycling in Fareham; the topography is flat and the climate comparatively warm and dry.
6	5.2	The modern developments of the Western Wards and Whiteley, however, offer a very poor cycling environment apart from the greenway network with the private car designed in as the only realistic transport mode linking “zoned” and distant homes, workplaces and facilities.	Remove “very” and “apart from the greenway network”	The modern developments of the Western Wards and Whiteley, however, offer a poor cycling environment with the private car designed in as the only realistic transport mode linking “zoned” and distant homes, workplaces and facilities.
6	5.3	The excellent provision for the private car in terms of roadspace and parking space in an area of high car ownership, making cycling an unattractive transport choice on the basis of speed, cost and convenience.	Insert “compared to cycling”	The excellent provision for the private car compared to cycling in terms of roadspace and parking space in an area of high car ownership, making cycling an unattractive transport choice on the basis of speed, cost and convenience.
11	6.8	This will seek to provide high quality links from public transport interchanges to the cycle network and the provision of adequate, secure,	Insert “and at other suitable locations”	This will seek to provide high quality links from public transport interchanges to the cycle network and the provision of adequate, secure,

		covered cycle parking at railway and bus stations.		covered cycle parking at railway and bus stations and at other suitable locations.
11	6.9	Under PPG13, all new development should be sustainable and is considered in accordance with public transport availability and cycle strategy.	Insert new sentence "All new cycleways shall include for adequate cycle parking as part of the development."	Under PPG13, all new development should be sustainable and is considered in accordance with public transport availability and cycle strategy. All new cycleways shall include for adequate cycle parking as part of the development.
12	6.14	Schools will be encouraged to develop and publish School Travel Plans.	Insert new sentence "The Council will endeavour to encourage the opportunity for Cycle Proficiency Training"	Schools will be encouraged to develop and publish School Travel Plans. The Council will endeavour to encourage the opportunity for Cycle Proficiency Training.
13	6.15	The Borough will seek to ensure the County Council's programme of highway schemes and cycling infrastructure proposals are supported by monitoring of cycle use and by regular consultation with local cycling and pedestrian organisations.	Remove "and pedestrian"	The Borough will seek to ensure the County Council's programme of highway schemes and cycling infrastructure proposals are supported by monitoring of cycle use and by regular consultation with local cycling organisations.
16	7	Provide improved cycle parking in Town Centre.	Remove "Centre" and insert "and local centres"	Provide improved cycle parking in Town and local centres.