

Newhaven Strategic Network

Transport Action Group Meeting

**Monday 19 February 2007. 11.00am
Newhaven Town Council Meeting Room**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr David Rogers (Chair), Cllr Judith Ost, Cllr Simons, Tracey Evans (NSN), Jan Russell (ESCC), Alan Cook (ESCC), Michael Oates (ESSC), Ian Everest (NTC). Marek Lorys (NCC)
Apologies: Penny Shimmin (NSN)

1 Local Area Transport Strategy update

1.1 AC updated on the actions from the LATS. The ring-road crossings – at the upper High Street / Brighton Road junction is not finished yet. The plan is to put in a ramp. Detailed plans are being completed but there are no actual funds to carry out the work.

1.2 School safety zones – Meeching valley feasibility study is done. It is in with safety audit now but again there are no funds in the budgets to get the work done for a couple of years. Denton School safety zone – the plan is to start the feasibility in 08/09. Cllrs asked to see the designs for the school safety zones, AC said didn't want to do public consultation until the funding was in place.

1.3 Tolican crossing - it is being designed but again no funding available.

1.4 Greenway / Polo path

2 Bus Stops

AC reported on the Bus Corridor from Peacehaven to Telscombe Cliffs which was consulted on in July 2004. All bus stops are being reviewed starting in Sep 2007 it will take about 12 months. Traffic management will be a key issues as road stopping up closures need to be done. Information is going out to residents to explain what is happening.

Bus stops in Newhaven are not being assessed yet (that is a different phase). Feasibility design study of section from Peacehaven to Denton Corner (including Valley Road) & Tudor Rd Caravan Park will start soon; detailed design will be done afterwards but as yet no funds to the actual works.

NB – A bus corridor is not a bus lane. Corridor is the main route (irrespective of what else is using the road).

There was concern that there appears to be no link between the train and the buses. People arriving by train often miss the bus by a couple of minutes but as this is such a frequent service it can't be held up waiting for a train.

3 Road Safety

Plans to build Valley Road crossing in summer 2007.

Speeding on C7 out of Newhaven. Markings have been changed at the mini-roundabout to try and stop this.

Fort Road - Now getting so busy with new developments getting harder to cross. ESCC have no plans to put in a crossing at the moment. South road in particular has so much extra traffic. Need to find out what traffic enhancements Oakdene are planning to improve traffic flows or are required to put in.

TE pointed out that top end of Hillcrest car park is very dangerous to get out of.

Proposed roundabout at Fort Road has not been completed.

Action: AC to find out from Highways DC why roundabout hasn't been completed.

4 Cycle Paths

There is no cycle route over the swing bridge – there as some discussion about whether the northern side could be dedicated to cyclists and the southern side to pedestrians but it is not the standard width for a cycle path (2.5 metres if fixed side). Intention was to have shared cycle and pedestrian on north side.

A cycle / pedestrian audit of the whole of Newhaven will look into this but it is some way off. Need to look at relationship with Railway Quay. Cycling up the C7 is dangerous but the Polo path has been held up by the Environment Agency.

5 Walking routes

NCDA is going to publish some calorie walking maps with the HIMP and Brighton University to promote walking for health. Will be a number of routes and will include signs and leaflets with information. It will link in with the Open Spaces strategy.

C7 unofficial pedestrian entrance to Riverside Park is a steep path but it is well used – level of usage being looked into. If enough, might be able to get a crossing there. Also, there is problem of encroachment of brambles etc from adjoining property on the C7. Area office is supposed to trim these but only done when really bad. Standing item on Town Council agenda.

6 Transport Interchange

The plans for the interchange have been done for some time but again there is no funding plus NPP wouldn't sell the land. Now waiting to see what happens as part of the sale of NPP. LDC will try and include it in NPP and Oakdene's planning obligations. Need to make contact with Southern Rail about station improvements.

7 Major Developments

7.1 Saxonholme application will go in soon. It will include parking, possibly a library and a small retail unit.

7.2 Energy Recovery Facility

Going to planning committee this week. There will be a small roundabout at North Quay Road. 2 relevant junctions (1 north and 1 south of flyover). Was there any S106 from this application?

7.3 Robinson Road

One way road with difficult access to recycle centre. There are negotiations to take redevelopment of the site forward.

8 The port update

The due diligence period for the sale of the port is due to end on 17 March with a further two months to 17 May to refine the offer and finalise the legal elements. There has been a request by the prospective purchasers to extend the due diligence period due to a delay in getting all the information from NPP. There is a confidentiality clause as part of the due diligence so there is very little information.

There is now a Q&A section about the sale of the port on the ESCC website.

<http://esc website/business/businessadvice/development/newhaven/default.htm>

When there is any new information it will be put on this site.

Date of next meeting.

23 May 11am Newhaven Town Council

T&E want to do walking and cycling strategies

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