

Histon Road Local Liaison Forum (HRLLF) Notes

Date: Monday 8 October 2018

Time: 8.45pm

Venue: Cambridge Regional College Science Park Campus, Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge, CB4 2QT

Present:

Mike Todd-Jones - City Council Arbury (Chair)
Lilian Rundblad – Histon Road Area Residents Association (Vice Chair)
Anna Crutchley - Benson Road Area Residents Association
Ann Mullinger – Windsor Road Residents Association
Matthew Danish – Camcycle
Wendy Blythe – FECRA
A Wilson – HRARA
Cheney Payne - City Councillor Castle Ward
David Jenkins - County Councillor Histon & Impington
Judith Perry – Benson Residents Association
Peter Mason – Windsor Road Residents Association
Charles Nisbet – Milton Road Residents Association
Mary Wheeler - Windsor Road Residents Association

Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership Officers and Consultants:

Paul van de Bulk (Project Manager, GCP)
Katy Ellis (GCP)
Andrew Walker (GCP)
Lesley Hoyle (GCP)
Neil Poulton (WSP)
Toby Edwards (WSP)
Andy Cocks (WSP)
Artur Malecki (WSP)
Kenny McGregor, City Council Arboricultural Officer
Dinah Foley-Norman, City Council Landscape Architect

Apologies:

Elizabeth Claire Richards
Jocelynn Scutt
Margaret Reynolds

Meeting commenced: 20.45

Chairs update:

- Since the last LLF meeting back in March 2018, there has been a lot of project activity including a number of walkabouts along Histon Road. This included looking at the inbound bus lane at Carisbrooke Road.
- GCP officers have engaged with residents and businesses.
- Residents have provided their input to the landscaping and there has been a walk around with the Landscape Officer.

- Residents have been provided with a map indicating the highway boundary. The project team will get back to residents about the hedges causing issues on the highway, and will continue to look at the Ordinance Survey and Topographic Survey.

Proposed next stages of the scheme are:

- November 2018 – Joint Assembly
- December 2018 – Executive Board
- January – August 2019 – Detailed design, final business case, TROs and contractor procurement
- September 2019 – Joint Assembly
- October 2019 – Executive Board
- Late 2019 – Start construction

A general discussion took place with the following points made:

- Concern was expressed that residents who live on the side roads off Histon Road have not been consulted. The GCP Project Manager responded that there has been good engagement. 15,000 consultation leaflets had been delivered and the responses gave the LLF a good steer over the proposals.
- The Project Manager outlined the positive feedback from the consultation and that most points on the consultation questionnaire were supported rather than opposed by respondents.
- The Project Manager confirmed that for side roads priority will be given to pedestrians where possible, and each side road will be assessed individually.
- Concerns over carriageway cycle lanes rather than off-road cycle provision (Histon Road / Victoria Road / Huntingdon Road junction), and shared use rather than segregated pedestrian / cycle crossings (Histon Road / Gilbert Road / Warwick Road junction), had to be balanced against the views of the road safety officers.
- The proposed crossing near Carisbrooke Road and the Darwin Green pedestrian / cyclist access would have an impact upon the southernmost point of the inbound bus lane and the overall configuration may need further consideration.
- A discussion about the technical and aesthetic specifications of raised tables took place, and the cost benefit.
- The Consultation Report will be available online towards the end of 2018. It will be accompanied by a press release. It was agreed that the report will be distributed to the LLF once available.
- The LLF Chair reminded the audience that public questions are welcome to be presented the Joint Assembly and Executive Board.
- The LLF will continue to have an active role in the project.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 21.00.