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Pre-meeting for the SZCWickham Market PC Traffic/Transport Workshop

Village Hall Monday 2nd December 2019 18.30Hrs

MINUTES

Those present: Councillors Sonya Exton, Anne Westover, David Chenery, Robin Cooke, Dick Jenkinson, John Horsnell, Alan Biddle, Ivor French. (Later Lisa Sanders)
TPWG Colin Owens, Shane Field, Peter Tinsley,
SZC WG Arthur Stansfield

Apologies: None received

- 1. Opening Remarks by Chair**, Sonya Exton Background to the workshop to be held on 9th December to be hosted by EDF. EDF have advised us that Steve Merry SCC will chair the workshop. SE gave summary of communications with EDF by email.
- 2. Short summary of the WM SZC Open Day (Arthur Stansfield)**

Arthur gave update on the public response and the summary sheets (approx. 100) which he has prepared. SE asked whether the updates should be sent to ESC/SCC prior to the meeting.

Later in the discussion it was decided that a summary document would be prepared and presented at the workshop. AW advised that the format be refined so that the document becomes a standalone version. AS to consider further.

AW gave an update on the park and ride site (SPR) itself, and landscape impacts. Latest meeting on site 29th November 2019 with other parishes plus ESC/SCC Nicolas Newton and Andrew Murray-Wood landscape and ecology. Notes being prepared for circulation.

Shane Field, raised the future of SPR site of concern. Dick explained the process regarding restoration/conditions on any DCO consent. EDF will have to re-instate although there is of course potential for a later planning application to retain the SPR for the same or another use.

3. Ensuring the Problem Statement is accurate (Colin Owens)

CO stated facts/hard evidence would be needed to push EDF into solutions. He highlighted the report that TPWG have been working on and the stage it has reached to date.

Summarised key findings from the VAS survey work and percentage speeding at key highway points.

AW/DJ noted 2 refs need updating:

Use term 'Infrastructure' in CIL.

Use term Footway or pavement (not footpath).

Colin, proposed 'Problem Statement', this had been send prior to the meeting and was discussed at length and agreed at the meeting as below.

Note I have done a few tweaks in red where I think wording should be amended.

'The proposed location of the SZC Park and Ride will ~~foree~~ draw significant volumes of construction related traffic through Wickham Market village over a long period of time with the effects of:

Further reducing the safety of the roads and footways which are already shown to be unsafe. N1

Increasing traffic congestion on roads to the point of disturbing and delaying traffic flows through the village.

Further inconveniencing residents and visitors who need to use the roads and footway network for moving around the village and in some areas for on street parking ~~due to increased traffic volumes.~~

Accelerating damage to residential properties including many 'historic' and listed buildings fronting the roadways due to increased traffic volumes.

Accelerating air and noise pollution in the village through increased traffic volumes'.

N1 TPWG can demonstrate that if needed.

Shane Field, presented a summary of his concerns regarding potential damage to historic buildings. At the workshop meeting on 9th Dec TPWG may show the VAS traffic volumes, photographs, hazards and VAS maps.

Dick; raised possible damage to roads/drainage/gullies. There will be a size limit of 3.5 tonnes on EDF vehicles.

We know that there will also be increases in traffic volumes from other developments in local and wider area.

4. Intended outcome of the SZC\Wickham Market PC Traffic\Transport Workshop 9th December 2019.

It is not our workshop and we do not know what the intended outcomes are.

We still want to know what the format of the workshop is going to be before identifying the correct people who is attending. The meeting requested that EDF be asked to provide this and copy S Merry SCC before providing names of attendees.

AW was concerned that this approach would frustrate EDF and prolong certainty over the workshop.

The agenda headings have been sent by EDF via email 26th November as follows:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Summary of forecast transport issues in Wickham Market
3. Potential mitigation / alignment with Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan
4. Views of neighbouring parishes
5. Conclusion and Actions

Possible Outcomes from the workshop:

No DCO/no SPR (unlikely!)

Reduction in capacity Park and Ride site (probably unlikely but should not be ruled out).

EDF will leave the workshop to consider how to resolve some/all of the problems/issues we raise.

CO suggested that one outcome could be an integrated working group comprising representatives of EDF, SCC, PC and T&PWG to collectively determine mitigations, funding and timescales.

If EDF cannot or do not agree to provide suitable mitigations options then the group consider that there should be no park and ride site in location proposed.

5. **Format of the Workshop:** Dick went on to describe different types of workshop which could take place but the key matter here is that we do not know what form of workshop EDF intend to host. Again we agreed the need to request this information from Tom McGarry. AW/SE to speak with Jo Peters.
6. **List all possible works that may improve safety in Wickham Market required because of the additional traffic caused by the SZC southern park and ride.**

The list below comes from the TPWG 2014 report and from the site visit with Steve Merry on 17th October (SM, CO, SE, JH, DJ, R Cooper, S Leech).

This list could be used as an aide memoire at the meeting on 9th December but not formally presented to EDF:

1. Additional parking elsewhere such as Martlesham P&R in order that size of SPR can be reduced
2. Strategically placed parking boxes and double yellow lines between Rackham's bridge and Border Cot Lane.
3. 20mph limit
4. Extended 30 mph limits
5. 40mph buffer on Border Cot lane extending out past Thong Hall road.
6. Making a prominent 30mph gateway into Wickham Market when entering from the west.
7. Reinstate village gateways, Bordercot Lane and High Street
8. Street lighting on B1078 all the way to the park and ride. Less desirable from environmental aspect.
9. Cycle lane to park and ride
10. Improved footpath to park and ride
11. Strategically placed parking boxes and double yellow lines on the High St between Border Cot Lane and the Hill

12. Widening some pavements
13. Narrowing some pavements to get them to a suitable width and allow safer on street parking.
14. Speed bumps, noting they can increase pollution
15. Carriageway restrictions to slow traffic
16. Monitoring of listed and historic buildings to detect damage caused by traffic (see also 27.)
17. Removing the central white line where it is not wide enough for two cars.
18. Permanently installed flashing speed signs
19. Vehicle tracking/monitoring
20. Policing of speed
21. CCTV recording VRNs in WM.
22. Signage on A14 and A12
23. Signage on B1438 and other smaller roads to divert vehicles from coming through the village
24. Safety of school children/bus stop waiting
25. Cleaning of signs, basic maintenance needs carrying out by SCC
26. 23 hidden access points, safety of concern; use of mirrors?
27. EDF carry out road surface surveys to assess whether any depression is sufficient to cause vibration which will worsen with more SZC traffic. Note from DC (A precedent was set when SZB built its new dry fuel store and resulted in several worn out sections of the B1122 between Yoxford and Leiston being resurfaced to avoid the predicted vibration to properties close to the road edge (although in that case the B1122 was the HGV haul route to/from Sizewell)).

Noted draft Reg 14 Neighbourhood Plan references to highway safety in Table 3.1, Policy Wick10, and table 9.1 Community actions.

7. Community funding for identified Community Projects. Anne mentioned that the WMNP should highlight all projects (Table 9.1) likely to require CIL or other funding; such as for WM village Hall and The George Ph. Advised that we may need advice in future on how to progress possible funding, **however at present** the key issue is for EDF to resolve/mitigate the highway issues arising out of SPR.
8. Membership of SZC WG. Sonya made a request for more SWG members. Shane Field and John Horsnell have offered some help.
9. Agree attendance for Workshop on 9th December 2019 noting that only 5/6 attendees are invited by EDF:

Councillors: Sonya Exton, Anne Westover, David Chenery, John Horsnell,
Possible Lisa Sanders
TPWG: Colin Owens, Shane Field, Peter Tinsley, Possible Geoff Cosby
SZC WG: WG Arthur Stansfield

10. AOB

Nothing specific to note

A Westover WMPC
Notes 5th December 2019