



Venue **The Brackenbury Room, Impington Village College, Impington**

Date **15/11/06** Time **7 pm – 9 pm**

Attendees **Cllr Matt Bradney (chair), Cllr Hooda Abdullah, Cllr Mike Barrett, Cllr Marian Cleaver, Cllr David Jenkins (items 4-5), Cllr Mark Lawton, Cllr Mike Mason, Cllr, Pene Nudds, Cllr Max Parish, Cllr Denis Payne, Cllr Geoffrey Payne, Lester Perera, Ian Sanderson (items 4-5), Cllr Richard Summerfield, Cllr Josephine Teague, Cllr Steve Unwin (items 1-3), Cllr Geoff Waters (items 4-5), Bob Menzies, Peter Paskell, Michaela Stoettner (notetaker)**

Apologies **Cllr Wendy Barrett, Wayne Campbell, John Pym, Susan Walford, Tom Armour, Adrian Hames, Janet Martin, Kulvinder Rayat, Andrew Welsh, Simon Whalley, Vicky Wolton,**

Project Name **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway**

Purpose of Meeting **Local Liaison Forum – Park Lane, Histon to Milton Road, Cambridge**

	ACTION	Time-scale
<p>Works on the disused railway line</p> <p>Bob Menzies informed the Forum about the works, which were happening on the disused railway line, east of Park Lane, on Sunday 12th November 2006. These works were done by Moveright, a subcontractor of Network Rail. The disused railway line is still Network Rails' property. The County Council will take possession of this land on 22nd November 2006.</p> <p>Lester Perera explained, what had happened on the 12th November and expressed his concerns.</p> <p>1. Notes of last meeting</p> <p>The Forum agreed the notes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>2. Update on Actions</p> <p>The drainage design, which also includes the design for the drain 164, will be submitted by the end of January. Mike Mason will send an e-mail to Kulvinder Rayat, highlighting his points regarding drain 164.</p> <p>The landscaping planning condition was submitted on 13th November 2006. The plans have been sent to the Parish Councils directly. Spare copies were at the meeting for Parish Councillors to take with them.</p> <p>3. Contractors update</p> <p>Peter Paskell presented and circulated the attached paper on Nuttall's programme update.</p>	<p>Mike Ma- son</p>	<p>20/12/06</p>

4. **Options for Histon station building and car park**

Bob Menzies gave a presentation on the 4 possible options for the Histon station building and car park area. (See attached document "Histon Station Option Assessment")

The following questions arose at the discussion:

- *What are the risks, if the site is to be acquired?*
See attached "Histon Station Option Assessment" paper.
- *Why does the platform need to be removed?*
The existing corridor is too narrow to accommodate the platform. The platform can't be used for a bus stop either, as it is too high.
- *Why is a stop for Histon and Impington planned at all? And how many Histon and Impington residents will use the guided bus?*
Patronage forecasts for Histon and Impington were relatively high. The figures were based on residents willing to walk up to 600 metres to the next bus stop. There will also be cycle parking facilities at the stops, which increases the 600-metre reach. Additionally, the guided bus will be used by Vision Park employees.
- *Residents are concerned cars would park on street, once the proposed car park is full. What would be done to prevent this?*
A 4-hour car parking restriction is included within the car park in the Guided Busway order. This will restrict commuter and long-term parking. On street parking would be dealt with, if problems arose.
- *There are bricks with engravings in the gatekeeper's hut. Would it be possible for the villages to obtain these? Also Histon and Impington Parish Councils have been contacted by different organisations, if they could have (parts of) the station building to rebuild it somewhere else. Would this be a possibility?*
Bob Menzies explained that this will be possible, interested organisations should contact the Guided Busway team as the County Council need to approve this first. Denis Payne will pass the details of organisations to Bob Menzies.

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- *What means “changes to the building”?*
Removal/alterations to platform and canopy.
- *Is it possible to move the limit of deviation towards Bishops to widen the corridor?*
Land at Bishops is not included in the Guided Busway order; therefore the Council is not in a position to take this land. Narrowing the yard at Bishops would also create parking problems and might diminish Bishop’s business.
- *Can the position of the bus stops be changed to widen the corridor at Histon Station? Maybe swap sides?*
This would create problems with the traffic lights. They will be programmed to switch to green, when buses are approaching. Therefore bus stops will be after road junctions rather than before to minimize unnecessary hold-ups for other traffic.
The alignment of the busway would also need to be changed, which at this stage is not possible anymore.
- *Have all possible options been examined?*
Yes.
- *Has a full technical survey been undertaken at the station building?*
No

Histon Parish Council is in favour of retaining the station building without providing parking facilities. A car park would be of little value for Histon.

Histon and Impington Parish Councils will look into financially supporting the station building in order to retain it. Geoffrey Payne suggested, that if Impington and Histon Parish Councils were not able to keep the building, then the best option would be to demolish it.

Pene Nudds pointed out, that the Histon bus stop could also be an interchange with the Citi 7 bus service.

The Forum voted on the four options with the following result:

Option 1: 0 votes
Option 2: 0 votes
Option 3: 8 votes
Option 4: 7 votes

Bob Menzies will take the recommendations and issues

of this Forum to a Delivery Forum meeting on Tuesday 21st November.

Max Parish pointed out to that the parishes of Histon and Impington have little gain from the Guided Busway, but its residents are highly affected by it. Therefore the villages are looking to retain the remaining heritage.

5. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th December 2006 at 7 pm at the Bailey Rooms, Castle Park, Cambridge.