



Venue **The Barbican, Bailey Rooms, Castle Park, Cambridge**

Date **20/12/06** Time **7 pm – 9 pm**

Attendees **Cllr David Jenkins (chair), Cllr Mike Barrett (items 1-4), Cllr Matt Bradney, Greg Kearney (items 1-4), Vanessa Kelly, Cllr Mike Mason (items 3-5), Cllr Max Parish, Lester Perera, Cllr John Reynolds, Ian Sanderson, Cllr Richard Summerfield (items 1-4), Chris Manning, Bob Menzies, Peter Paskell, Kulvinder Rayat, Michaela Stoettner (notetaker)**

Apologies **Cllr Jonathan Chatfield, Cllr Pene Nudds, Cllr Denis Payne, John Pym, Susan Walford, Cllr Tim Ward, Tom Armour, Adrian Hames, Janet Martin, 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>1. Notes of last meeting</p> <p>The Forum agreed the notes of the previous meeting. It was asked to circulate future notes earlier.</p>		
<p>2. Update on Actions</p> <p>David Jenkins asked if there had been previous consideration of swapping the sides of the bus stops at Histon Station.</p> <p>Bob Menzies has checked with the designers. This change was already considered before the public inquiry, but dismissed, as it would affect the alignment of the guideway further westwards moving it into back gardens.</p> <p>There would also be issues with the positioning of trigger points for the traffic lights. To position a bus stop before a crossing would cause either greater delays for normal traffic or guideway traffic.</p> <p>Mike Mason e-mailed Kulvinder Rayat his views on drain 164.</p>		
<p>3. Contractors update</p> <p>Peter Paskell gave an update on the construction programme and planning conditions progress.</p>		
<p>4. Noise barrier pre-design discussion</p> <p>Chris Manning & Kulvinder Rayat circulated drawings in relation to the position of noise barriers.</p> <p>There will be two sections of acoustic fencing through Histon and Impington. The first set will be from the Park Lane level crossing to St Audrey's Close, the second will run</p>		

along the Villa Road and Pepy's Terrace properties up to Bridge Road.

It was suggested to put posts on site (ideally every 25 – 50 metres) to show the ground level, a height of 4ft, 6ft and 8ft. This should provide points of reference for the residents and help them to decide the ideal fencing height for them.

Some aerial photographs are misleading and don't show the boundaries accurately. The landscaping drawings show the exact limits of deviation.

Mike Mason highlighted that he found discrepancies in the limits of deviation between the TWA plans and the landscaping plans at several points between Histon & Cambridge.

Bob Menzies confirmed receipt of formal response from South Cambridgeshire DC and will reply through South Cambridgeshire DC in order to comply with the process.

David Jenkins asked if it would be possible to produce computer animated graphics to show possibilities and extends of fencing?

Ian Sanderson highlighted the importance of going through the design process first and get everything done as efficient as possible as well as being sensible. The drawings so far are very well produced for this purpose.

There are two types of acoustic fencing, they can either reflect or absorb noise.

Mike Mason supports the noise absorption fencing, because noise reflection might bounce back onto other properties.

Chris Manning highlighted the importance of looking at specific areas to find the best solution for each of them.

Ian Sanderson explained that Iain Duperé is an acoustic engineer and working on materials for noise absorption on aircraft. Would there be a possibility to explore if this would be possible for this type of fencing as well?

Bob Menzies is happy to discuss the matter, but pointed out that this might be too expensive, the endurance of these materials is not known and the District Council has to be satisfied as well. The Guided Busway might not be the best trial site for this.

It was suggested to arrange a meeting for each section. This would also raise awareness and residents would have a further possibility in expressing their views.

Bob Menzies agreed that this would be possible once the

design proposals are more advanced.

It was agreed to compile a list of noise related suggestions from the Inspector's report.

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Discussions relating to the first section (Park Lane level crossing – St Audrey's close):

The exact starting point at the level crossing will be discussed with the Forum.

There will be about 5 metres between the back gardens and the guideway. The possibilities for barriers would be earth mound, straight fencing or a combination of both.

The black area on the landscaping plans shows the area, which is not submitted yet. This will be proposed together with the fencing submission.

Chris Manning explained the possibilities for the St Audrey's Close end of this section. A footpath is crossing the guideway at this point; so fencing might cause some visibility issues. He suggested to bring the fence up to where it passes the garages. Some thoughts need to be spent on how to finish the end of the fence at this point.

Mike Mason expressed his concerns about the security of pedestrians using the footpath running next to the guideway. He asked to make sure, that pedestrians can't accidentally get from the footpath onto the guideway.

Bob Menzies highlighted his concerns on restricted visibility in this area.

Discussions relating to the second section (chainage 17,000 to Bridge Road)

RAGBUS will arrange meetings with Villa Road residents to get their views on acoustic fencing.

Chris Manning explained that a thin barrier might be more suitable for that area. Different materials are also possible and the barriers have to be built to last

Ian Sanderson highlighted, that for residents, the design and appearance of these fences is very important.

The possibility of higher fencing was discussed; engineering issues relating to this as well as the balance between privacy and light.

5. Date of next meeting and A.O.B

Update on rail removal: The County Council took possession of Network Rail's land on 21st November 2006.

Moveright has not been on the land since the County Council owns it. The County Council will arrange for track to be removed after site clearance has taken place (next spring).

Mike Mason raised two questions on behalf of Denis Payne:

Can the County Council confirm a full recording of Histon station will be done before the building is going to be taken down?

Yes, this will be completed next spring and the details will be passed on to the Histon & Impington Parish Councils.

Is there a possibility of access to the maintenance track from Histon Football club?

The landowner, Histon Football Club, needs to approach the County Council on that.

Lester Perera highlighted that some gardens in the Pease way/Melvin Way area don't have fencing and it needs to be ensured that construction workers won't trespass peoples back gardens.

Vanessa Kelly raised questions on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign.

Would there be push buttons at the traffic lights?

Yes, junction design will be discussed at the next meeting.

Could the cycleway be hard surfaced from Cambridge to the B1050?

The Guided Busway Order includes an open textures surface all along the route from St Ives to Trumpington. Extra funding has been secured to hard surface from Trumpington to the park Lane level crossing. There are no extra funds available beyond that. Hard surfacing would also increase drainage issues.

Is it possible to get cycle access for Impington Village College?

Landowners would need to approach the County Council.

Is it possible to establish lighting along the cycleway from Cambridge Regional College to Histon? This would increase safety and encourage usage.

Lighting is not covered through the planning permission and funding has not been granted for this.

The Campaign has concerns that noise barriers might hinder the accessibility of the cycleway.

Acoustic fencing won't obstruct any public rights of way.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm at Impington Village College.

A follow up meeting on acoustic fencing will be held on Thursday 1st February at Impington Village College.