

Strategic Rail Freight Infrastructure – Community Liaison Group

Draft Minutes

Wed 17th January 2018, Roxhill Site Office

Present

Adam Smith, Buckingham Group
Cllr Shaun Ambrose Jones, Castle Donington Parish Council (CDPC)
Cllr Bob Sizer, CDPC
Peter Goddard, Goddard & Sons (chair)
Cllr David Hignett, Kegworth Parish Council, Kegworth Parish Council (KPC)
Vicky Roe, KPC
Rebecca Henson, Leicestershire County Council (LCC)
Toni Harrington, Lockington cum Hemington Parish Council (LHPC)
Gill Simpkins, LHPC
Cllr Sue Roberts, Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council (LWDPC)
Sam Lockwood, LWDPC
Minna Scott, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC)
Gillian Squires, NWLDC
Mark Skelton, Winvic
Simon Hooton, Winvic

Apologies

Cllr Chris Hill, CDPC
Fiona Palmer, CDPC
Cllr Trevor Pendleton, Leicestershire County Council (LCC)
Cllr Alison Smith, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC)
Jim Newton, NWLDC
Adam Mellor, NWLDC

1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting on 11.10.17 were agreed. Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas donations from Roxhill received by parish councils.• Illegal use of land by motorbikes has been investigated, will continue to monitor situation.• Naming of bypass not possible. Actions carried forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvements to Diseworth Lane to start in Spring 2018 when weather has improved.• Liaise with Highways England regarding issues with signage at J24A on M1.• Look into possible addition of CCTV cameras on paths to monitor and reduce impact on pedestrian routes.	 MS DH PG
2. 2.1	PROGRESS REVIEW Onsite MS outlined that onsite earthworks are on track and 2.3 million m ³ of soil moved so far. Plateau zones complete. Around 60% of the onsite 'spine' road has been built and will continue when the weather improves. Drainage	

	works continue.	
2.2	<p>Offsite (A453, A50 and J24) A453 works complete bar a few remedials still left to do; the vast majority of these will be carried out at night. Lane closures to finish w/c 29.01.18. J24 works are ongoing. Works on the A453 out of Nottingham to J24 are now complete. Works on the A50 to the east are progressing fairly well considering the adverse weather. Lockington Main Street works are about to start.</p>	
2.3	<p>Offsite (Lockington) Discussion on Church Lane closure and access to Lockington. The parish council has received a lot of complaints and fears about near accidents, with villagers feeling that the main street is now effectively a single track accommodating two way traffic since the closure of Church Lane. Verges are getting churned up and roads are very muddy. TH noted that the village is looking very untidy due to collapsed pavements/kerbs and signage, etc knocked down by HGVs. TH feels this is adversely impacting residents and reducing house prices. RH to arrange for LCC Highways officer to meet with TH and MS on site.</p> <p>On exiting Main Street, residents feel that the 40mph speed limit reduction along the A50 is being completely ignored and they are fearful of exiting onto the A50. PG to raise issue with Leicestershire Police. TH asked if a filter lane could be installed temporarily to identify to oncoming traffic that cars are exiting onto the A50. Cutting verges back may also help. PG to liaise with LCC Highways.</p>	RH PG PG
2.4	<p>Offsite (Kegworth Bypass) AS provided an update on progress. Surfacing works commence in February 2018 and will last for around four weeks. The M1 bridge is on programme and the bypass should be completed by September 2018.</p> <p>DH raised the issue of the steep incline viewed from the A6 towards the bypass. AS reassured that all the design gradients are correct and explained that the area currently looks two metres higher than you would expect due to the presence of a gas main; when this is lowered within the next two months the final gradient will look very different.</p>	
2.5	<p>Landscaping Soft landscaping works have started on the 'spine' road onsite and they will soon start landscape works towards Lockington. The site will start to look very different shortly, softening the look of the area.</p>	
2.6	<p>Units Construction is yet to begin on the first two units due to financial/legal agreements taking longer to finalise than expected. Roxhill hopes to start construction very soon and there has been strong interest in other units.</p>	
2.7	<p>General Construction of the rail terminal will begin in spring/early summer 2018. Quite a lot of material is still to be moved out of the site but site levels are now almost ready for construction to begin. There was discussion on whether the rail terminal will be utilised; Roxhill have every expectation that rail will be used quickly after it is connected up. There is good competition from the</p>	

	companies wishing to operate the railway.	
3.	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	
3.1	<p>A453 MS updated that work has now moved from the A453 to J24. A number of complaints have been received regarding traffic frustration. Roxhill has met residents face-to-face as much as possible where they feel they can help resolve a particular problem.</p> <p>SAJ requested assistance to resolve issues at the junction between Park Lane and Delven Lane in Castle Donington. RH to liaise with FP to check if traffic light phasing can be changed to reduce the risk to pedestrians and to ease traffic backing up the hill towards East Midlands Airport.</p>	RH
3.2	<p>J24 Unfortunately J24 works will continue to impact traffic flow for the next 9-10 months but once completed commuters should see a marked improvement.</p> <p>Roxhill continues to have weekly meetings with Highways England to try to manage interfaces as best as possible. A lot of money has been spent on traffic light phasing, changing phasing on different days in order to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible. Most problems arise when there are problems on the M1 and it was acknowledged that there is little Roxhill can do to resolve this.</p> <p>MS to liaise with Highways England regarding signage on A6 from Kegworth on approach to J24. Both lanes are signed for the A50 but once vehicles enter the junction those in the left lane find themselves being signed towards the A453. Concerns that vehicles are stopping and indicating to join the A50 lane, impacting traffic on the junction.</p>	MS
3.3	<p>Ashby Road Ashby Road will shut before the bridge launch in May and will re-open, but not to cars, once the bypass is officially opened later in the year.</p>	
3.4	<p>Kegworth Bypass (A6 and Whatton Road) Whatton Road was shut on 9th January and will re-open in late March. Weekend single lane running and offline works are currently operating. Main works on the A6 will begin only after Whatton Road is re-opened.</p>	
3.5	<p>M1 – Highways England Smart Motorways Programme SMP programme due to finish by December 2018.</p>	
3.6	<p>M1 Overbridge Launch The bridge will be launched on Friday 11th May 2018; the M1 will close at 10pm and remain closed until works continue until Sunday. The A6 will therefore be very heavily trafficked over the entire weekend. Buckingham Group has had discussions with Donington Park and East Midlands Airport to identify the best weekend to undertake the works.</p> <p>Buckingham Group has also organised contingency for the following weekend in case a major incident arises on the M1 just prior to the scheduled works beginning.</p>	

	There was discussion on the impact of bypass traffic in Kegworth. VR described plans for new village entrance points, to be followed by a village centre redevelopment.	
4.	WEBSITE - SLPEMG PG requested feedback on the community web page . All considered that it is working well and appears to be answering residents' queries.	
5.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None	
7.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 18 th April 2018, 5pm. Roxhill site offices, accessed off the A453.	