

Whiteley Parish Council

Highways Working Party

Minutes of a meeting of the above working party held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 7pm.

Present:

Chairman Mike Evans, Chairman Whiteley PC
Vice-Chairman Kairen Goves, Chairman Whiteley PC Highways Committee
Tim Barton Senior Transport Planner HCC Transport Team South
Chris Cousin Parish Councillor
Brenda Hatch Parish Councillor
Andy Hickman WCC Head of Access and Infrastructure
Jan Hyde East Whiteley resident
Chris Jenkinson Fareham resident and public transport representative
Mary-Ann Toop Head of HCC Transport Team South,
Nicki Oliver Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence: Roland Diffey East Whiteley resident and Highways Engineer, Mike Anthony WCC District Councillor, Andrew Rollings Manager of Whiteley Village, Martin Rawlins, Fareham resident.

2. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

2.1 To agree terms of reference for the working party, agreed terms below.

2.2 To receive update from HCC including plans for SATURN study and issues relating to Leafy Lane. Tim Barton and Mary-Ann Toop advised that the plans for the SATURN study will be delayed as the preparation work required is more detailed than initially anticipated.

2.3 To receive feedback from Whiteley Business Forum on highways and transport issues of concern to members. Andrew Rollings provided the Working Party with a written update advising that it is hoped that the Zurich coach service to seven destinations can to be extended to the whole business park in the longer term. Two businesses are liaising with HCC for the use of private buses through the Yew Tree Drive link. Mr Rollings suggested the Working Party contact the senior executives/management of the individual businesses to gauge their opinion on the future use of Yew Tree Drive.

2.4 To receive feedback from Whiteley Winchester residents regarding highways and transport issues.

It was noted that the Give Way markings in Leafy Lane would be reinstated during January 2008.

Mike Evans raised concerns regarding the impact of traffic on the residents of Leafy Lane and suggested the environmental impact assessment work carried out by the North Whiteley consortium should include an assessment of the likely effects of development on traffic and pollution levels in Leafy Lane.

Mike Evans advised that MP Mark Oaten has agreed to look at the Yew Tree bus link issues when visiting Whiteley on 14th December.

2.5 To receive feedback from Whiteley Fareham residents regarding highways and transport issues.

It was questioned whether the recent granting of permission on appeal for houses in Shetland Rise would allow the completion of Rookery Avenue. Mary-Ann Toop to investigate.

2.6 To discuss possible questions regarding highways issues for inclusion in the Parish Plan questionnaire to be delivered to all Whiteley residents and businesses, to include consultation on future possibilities for Yew Tree Drive and Leafy Lane.

Mary-Ann Toop and Tim Barton outlined the need for HCC in partnership with FBC and WCC to prepare a town access plan for Whiteley with the aim of improving and balancing overall access to Whiteley. This would include provision for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and cars.

A Whiteley Access Plan would form part of the Local Transport Plan Accessibility Strategy identifying improvements needed and providing a 'wish list' when negotiating with future developers for contributions. This Working Party and Whiteley Parish Council could play a key role in providing some of the evidence base for the Plan through its proposed parish plan questionnaire. It was agreed that all parties should work closely together to maximise the benefits of the questionnaire exercise. The nature of the partnership needs to be discussed further with FBC, WCC and HCC.

All draft questions for consideration for inclusion in the parish plan questionnaire to be received from the steering group partners during early January.

It was noted that there are currently no developers funds available for Whiteley, remaining funds are tied up in the Whiteley Way Fund and can not be used for other projects.

2.7 To receive update on proposals for improvements to public transport in Whiteley following the opening of the Yew Tree bus link.

Chris Jenkinson forwarded the proposed Yew Tree bus link time table after the meeting. He advised that unless this improves, some areas of Whiteley, such as the centre & Sweethills Crescent will actually be worse off at certain times as currently the majority of buses entering Whiteley do the "double loop" of Sweethills Crescent and the centre.

Tim Barton advised that a consultant has been employed to look at bus issues for the area and the findings will be available in due course.

2.8 To discuss possible questions regarding public transport for inclusion in the Parish Plan questionnaire. Included in 2.6 above.

Date for next meeting to be confirmed.
Meeting closed 8.40pm

Whiteley Highways Working Party Terms of reference December 2007

1. The Highways Working Party shall comprise Parish councillors, officers and members of the public as invited by the Working Party Chairman/ Vice-Chairman to become members.
2. The Chairman will be (Parish Council Chairman) Mike Evans and Vice-Chairman (Highways Committee Chairman) Kairen Goves.
3. **All members should note that correspondence relating to matters under the consideration of this Working Party should be conducted through the Working Party Chairman or Parish Clerk.**
4. The Working Party will report directly to Full Council.
5. Minutes of all meetings are to be kept by the Parish Clerk for circulation as appropriate.
6. The Working Party will investigate the opening of additional access roads in Whiteley prior to the completion of Whiteley Way (north) in order to reduce traffic congestion particularly in residential roads including to:
 - consider the position taken by FBC under their local Plan and the opening of additional routes.
 - work with HCC to undertake a re-examination of accesses in both short and long term
 - work with HCC to prepare a questionnaire to residents as part of the Parish Plan.
 - assemble data on present road usage (especially Leafy Lane)
 - work with Business Forum on all issues relating to traffic problems in and out of Whiteley.
 - consider full environmental affects on residents (noise etc) of significant amounts of traffic continuing to use residential roads (Leafy Lane).
7. The Working Party will meet as workload requires.