

Transport, Access, Housing and Parking Focus Group

Meeting 5

12th December 2012 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Grimes (Chair), Luis Mendiz, Ray Sharp, Ian Young, Dawn Peer, Bridget Hart, Jean Leslie, Maurice Stanton – Saringe, Matt Davey.

Attending: Katy Hughes (SPC Meeting secretary).

Apologies: Nora Muir, Mike Knowles, Eddie Brown, Maureen Erdwin.

1. Welcome and introductions

Andrew Grimes welcomed all those present to the meeting and spoke briefly about the purpose of the meeting and the Neighbourhood Planning process to first time attendees. All attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 07th November 2012 were approved as a true reflection of the meeting, subject to the addition of the comments from item TAH69, which had been reviewed at the meeting and updated on the issues log.

3. Issues Log review and comments

29 items from the issues log were discussed:.

Issue ref.	Category	Description	Comments:
TAH09	ITR	Assessment of east west travel needs within the community and across the community.	Major issue for anyone who does not have access to a car. Improved access is required. Where possible, key routes should be suitable for walking, cycling, riding and wheelchair access.
TAH18a	ITR	Access to a range of shops from Whitley Wood and Three Mile Cross to Chalfont Way district centre.	Seeking access to a range of services within the settings that already exist (Asda precinct, Morrisons precinct). Where possible, key routes should be suitable for walking, cycling, riding and wheelchair access.
TAH22	ITR	Development of Internal travel routes to primary schools	Seek ways for access to schools to be as easy as possible by foot, cycle and public transport. Where possible, key routes should be suitable for walking, cycling, riding and wheelchair access.

TAH23a	ITR	Development of internal travel routes to primary healthcare.	Seek ways for access to primary healthcare to be as easy as possible by foot, cycle and public transport. Where possible, key routes should be suitable for walking, cycling, riding and wheelchair access.
TAH30	ITR	Confirmation of location of additional healthcare capacity	Need to know catchment areas. This item should be removed and handed to the community group.
TAH35a	ITR	Provide short walking / cycling routes to local facilities	Remove as a duplication of TAH09 and TAH18a.
TAH06b	PS	Providing access for freight (i) distribution depots (ii) retailers and suppliers (iii) new village centre (iv) Science Park.	Roads need to be fit for purpose for public transport.
TAH32	PS	Lighting on footways	Lighting on key footways. This would be limited to twilight hours but not overnight.
TAH35b	PS	Provide short walking / cycling routes to local facilities	This (TAH35b) can be wrapped into TAH32.
TAH40	PS	Restrict parking close to junctions	Remove this item and wrap it into item TAH37b and TAH39
TAH49	PS	Ensure residential streets are safe for children to move and play.	Remove this as this is not deliverable
TAH68	PS	Reduce speed limits to minimise excessive speeding by car	Amend this to read "Reduce speed limits to 30 MPH on existing roads within the villages"
TAH72	PS	Ensure cars and buses offload within school boundaries in designated locations	Design of schools should facilitate easy drop of and pick up which does not impact on the traffic flow / neighbourhood.
TAH01	PT	Delays caused by diverting buses through new housing developments	Planning bus routes through new developments should not be to the detriment of existing users.
TAH02	PT	Lack of Spencers Wood / Three Mile Cross bus to Royal Berkshire Hospital	Recognise that there is a need to travel to the RBH. This is the volunteer car service's most requested route.
TAH04	PT	Boundaries of Reading/Plusbus fare zone covering north of parish only to Black Boy and Three Mile Cross Post Office.	Working with RBC and WBC and developers to enable this to reduce car use.
TAH10b	PT	Impact of additional traffic from Shinfield and Arborfield through Shinfield Rise to Reading (e.g. for work, hospital visits, station etc.).	We recognise that there is a serious traffic problem already on the main route into Reading from Shinfield parish. The issue will get worse with SDL development in both Shinfield and Arborfield. It needs consideration.
TAH12b	PT	Phasing of housing and build-up of the various travel demands.	We would like to get the phasing of the mitigations matched to the development. <i>Can we see the points at which the S106 payments / actions are triggered?</i>

TAH13b	PT	Phasing of Arborfield development and impact on the parish road network.	We want the ERR implemented to cope with the SDL within Arborfield.
TAH14b	PT	Phasing of road network development	This is a duplication of TAH13b – remove.
TAH16	PT	Developing sustainable, economic, self funding bus services	Integrate this with TAH04
TAH17	PT	Early and late commuter bus access to Reading and Wokingham to enable full day working outside of the local area by public transport for whole parish.	Can we get access to census data that might show where people work?
TAH18b	PT	Access to a range of shops from Whitley Wood and Three Mile Cross to Chalfont Way district centre.	Can we get figures on the 145 (Sainsbury's bus to Winnersh). Will there be sufficient demand if there is a new supermarket here?
TAH21b	PT	Managing exit / entry priorities at Black Boy and Magpie & Parrot junctions to prevent residents being unable to leave Shinfield village in rush hour by car or bus.	Junctions give a way of providing a fair access to residents leaving the village / travelling through the village.
TAH28	PT	Mere-oak Park and Ride opening date	There is hope that the Mereoak park and ride will come online before significant SDL development.
TAH33	PT	Full integration of public transport ticketing and information technology (live and published) irrespective of transport provider. Use of all forms of electronic data distribution.	Duplication of TAH04?
TAH34	PT	Prevent developer subsidies buses to new estates destroying commercial bus operations to south of parish, to Swallowfield and Arborfield. Especially if the Reading - estates loop service introduced.	Planning bus routes through new developments should not be to the detriment of existing users.
TAH70	PT	Ensure public transport vehicles, bus stops and road crossings are fully accessible.	All new stops should meet national standards and requirements. Modern buses are generally fully accessible.
TAH71	PT	Enabling secondary school children sent to school by school bus to participate in after school activities	Oakbank school will not be large enough to meet the needs of this community, so there needs to be a degree of consideration for later school transport

Ian Young suggested a separate meeting (date and time TBA), for interested parties to identify which are they key routes for cyclists, walkers and horse riders, for both travel and recreation.

Attendees discussed freight movements within the parish. It was noted that input from local freight / haulage companies would be beneficial in identifying issues with the road network experienced by heavy goods vehicles.

Attendees agreed that all footpath items should include a comment regarding the desire to encourage walking in order to reduce car usage and congestion, and to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Luis Mendiz asked attendees to support a petition for removal of the traffic lights at Shinfield Rise and a re-instatement of the roundabouts. The link to sign the petition is below:

<http://www.reading.gov.uk/petitions/View/Shinfield-rd-Traffic-lights>

It was noted that in order to complete the process of signing the petition, you will need to confirm your intention by clicking on a link which will be emailed to you once you have filled in your details.

4. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31st January 2013 at Shinfield Parish hall, at 19.30 hrs.

The meeting ended at 22.15 hrs.