

Hereford Area Plan Reference Group Meeting

Notes of meeting

Date: 25th January 2017

Time: 16:00

Venue: Hereford City Council Offices, Town Hall, Hereford

Present:

Cllr P Price (Chair), Herefordshire Council

Cllr M Lloyd-Hayes, Hereford City Council

Cllr S Michael, Hereford City Council

Steve Kerry, Hereford City Council (Clerk) - (SK)

Kevin Singleton Herefordshire Council (Officer) – (KS)

Victoria Eaton Herefordshire Council (Officer) – (VE)

Mairead Lane Herefordshire Council (Officer) – (ML)

Karen Usher, NMiTE – (KU)

John Faulkner, Hereford Civic Society – (JF)

Bill Bloxsome, Herefordshire Local Nature Partnership – (BB)

John Jones, Hereford BID – (JJ)

Joy Harvey, HVOSS – (JH)

Apologies:

Richard Gabb

Richard Ball

Gareth Blackett

David Shepard

Cllr P Andrews

1. Cllr Price welcomed attendees, in particular the representative of the Civic Society joining the group for the first time
2. Notes of previous meeting, apart from an error in the figures of young people leaving the county in paragraph 3.2 (figures should read 1200 to 1800), were otherwise agreed.
3. Update re: Holmer Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). KS reported that he had attended Public meeting. The meeting had reached agreement to prepare a NDP and submission of the neighbourhood plan area had now been made. The reference group confirmed that Holmer Parish should continue to be considered within the Hereford Area plan area, recognising that it would be important to ensure consistency between the two planning processes. SK had concerns regarding the possible boundary of the Holmer NDP because of an anomaly in the boundaries between Hereford City and Holmer PC. KS agreed to clarify with the neighbourhood planning team.

Action was agreed for KS and Samantha Banks (Neighbourhood Planning Team Leader) to arrange to speak with parish council encourage attendance at HAP ref group, agree scope of the two plans to ensure they were complementary.

4. KS reported that it was hoped that a first consultation upon the Hereford Area Plan would be undertaken in the Spring. This consultation would be upon a high level issues and options paper which would set out the context for the plan and ask a series of questions regarding the potential contents of the Plan.
5. The ambition was to prepare a joint consultation programme in conjunction with the initial consultation upon the Hereford Transport Package. With that in mind a set of draft exhibition panels had been developed for the reference group to consider covering the main themes and projects which would provide the content of the plan. KS asked if comments from the Reference Group Members could be made by the end of the following week in order to be taken into account in the preparation of the exhibition panels.
6. KS indicated that it was intended that a first draft of the Issues and Options consultation paper would be made available at the next Reference Group meeting.
7. ML gave a presentation to the group regarding the programme and content of the Hereford Transport Package (HTP). She set out the history of the proposal and the reasons why a Hereford Bypass was needed. The indicative timetable set out the route for a final decision on the road to be in place in 2020 with the first stretch of the bypass to be open by 2022.
8. The first consultation was programmed to take place in Spring 2017 this would aim to raise awareness of the bypass and active travel measures and inform residents, local communities and businesses about project objectives, planning and design process and opportunities for input. Consultation will take place whilst the proposals are still at a formative stage. The opportunity to hold a joint consultation event with the issues and options stage for the HAP would help set a context for both projects within the wider growth agenda for the city.
9. A discussion regarding the presentation followed. The intention to have a joint consultation event featuring both the HAP and HTP was generally considered a good idea. It was also recognised that the consultation could provide an opportunity to involve other ongoing projects and processes such as the economic vision and the NMITE project.
10. AOB
 - The Group agreed that ML would be copied into the distribution list for future meetings and would attend to provide updates regarding the progress of the HTP at appropriate stages of its progress.

- Hereford City Council had expressed some concerns regarding enforcement matters. SK had been made aware that a new enforcement policy was being prepared by Herefordshire Council and requested that a presentation be made to the reference group once it had been completed. KS reported that Kevin Bishop (Lead Development Manager) had been informed of the request and agreed to attend the reference group once the enforcement policy had been completed.

11. Date of next meeting – 22nd February, 4pm, Hereford Town Hall.