

Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 23rd February 2023

Present : Cllr B Beeley (Chairman)
Cllr R Knotts
Cllr S Al-Hamdani,
Mr A Fletcher
Ms G Brownbridge (OMBC),

1, Apologies: Cllr P Byrne, Cllr M Woodvine, Cllr K Dawson, Ms L Dryden-Stuart (OMBC), Ms C Wilkins (Peak Park Authority), Ms J Soriente. Ms J Greenwood,

2, Declarations of interest:

None declared

3, Report from Meeting with Highways and Planning

This was discussed and the suggested changes were made to the plan at the meeting, with one exception, Cllr Al-Hamdani asked Ms Brownbridge to look into the bus priority measures suggestion before this is added to the plan.

Cllr Al-Hamdani explained comments from OMBC Planning Department regarding what is permitted development on barn conversions. The revisions suggested by OMBC were discussed and agreed and amended on the plan at the meeting.

4, Feedback from Actions agreed at last meeting in January 2023

These actions are still ongoing and will be reported at the next meeting.

SEA Screening - Ms Brownbridge advised she will look into contacting Manchester Ecology unit to arrange a meeting with Ms Wilkins and feedback.

Cllr Beeley is currently preparing a list of consultees for the clerk to invite to the next meeting. It was also agreed she would send a copy of this list to Ms Brownbridge.

5, Discussion on submitted feedback from PDNPA

The feedback was discussed, comments taken on board and the plan was amended at the meeting apart from Policy 1 and Policy 7 suggestions; Cllr Al-Hamdani advised the committee will reflect on these concerns before agreeing to the amendments.

Cllr Al-Hamdani also advised that an additional comment received from Dobcross Community Group was also going to be looked at.

6, Transpennine Rail Plan – Potential Impact on Saddleworth

Mr Fletcher had very kindly summarised this Integrated Rail Plan document and it was shared prior to the meeting. It was discussed.

Option one- is upgrading the Manchester to Leeds via Rochdale Line.

Option two - is upgrading the line between Manchester and Huddersfield (through

Saddleworth)

Transport for the North Manchester favoured option one.

The Government then reviewed these proposals in November 21 and have now recommended option 2.

Mr Fletcher expressed concern that it wasn't clear whether any work had been done on the feasibility, environmental concerns and the impact on Saddleworth. It seems apparent that the high speed parts of the line would be between York and Huddersfield and then Stalybridge to Manchester as it wouldn't be feasible for high speed through the Saddleworth area.

Cllr Al-Hamdani expressed concern that this current plan would mean high speed trains and local services using the same line and services.

There was some discussion around how we address this with reference to the Neighbourhood Plan as due to the timescale it won't happen for 15-20 years.

It was agreed that Cllr Al-Hamdani would suggest a Motion be raised to express our concerns to be added to the agenda of the next Ordinary Council meeting.

It was agreed that we would add a resume of the committee's concerns in section 6.2 of the plan.

The committee thanked Mr Fletcher for his work and commitment to this.

7, Items for the next agenda

Feedback from Actions agreed at January meeting.

Community groups to be invited to discuss consultation (a revised Plan version 1.9 to be shared with the Clerk to send out to consultees)

Next meeting: 30th March 2023, 09.30hrs