

Transport Update and the Local Plan Consultation Meeting

Teams – 27.01.21

3pm – 4:30pm

Attendees:

Gordon Glenday - Assistant Director Planning and Building Control UDC

Simon Payne - LP Project Manager UDC

Stephen Miles - Local Plan Manager UDC

Ben Kennedy - Principal Transport Planner ECC

Mark Norman - Chartered Civil Engineer Highways England

David Sprunt - Strategy & Engagement Manager ECC

Katherine Wilkinson - Strategic Development Engineer ECC

Zhanine Smith - Principal Spatial Planner ECC

Mary Young - Principal Transport and Infrastructure Planner ECC

Matt Bradley - Strategic Development ECC

Simon Smith - EELGA Peer Review Group (PRG)

Malcolm Sharp - EELGA Peer Review Group (PRG)

Hayley Coles - Local Plan and New Communities UDC

Eric Cooper - Spatial Planning Manager Homes England

Update on Local Plan Processes

UDC consulting on emerging LP. Instead of traditional 6 weeks consultation it's 6 months, divided into topics to target people who wouldn't normally get involved. Consultation ends in April.

Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Group (SIDG) also attended by PRG reps. Senior cross party UDC councillors and invite to Cllr from Essex, addressing infrastructure needs.

Transport session in April, opportunity for Highways England and ECC to attend.

Important to join up conversation with neighbouring authorities (for instance recent officer meetings with Greater Cambridge Partnership included reference to A505 and Camb Metro proposals) to align approach. (also meet with E. Herts, Epping and Harlow, frequency sporadic previously, will concentrate on more communication moving forward).

Commissioned TRACCS work to model accessibility by mode of development options look a in the district.

Call for sites issued last week.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan work in process of being commissioned.

ZS - Essex could provide background assistance. Suggested opening discussions on emerging options.

- **SM** - Final Theme 9 in Issues and Options stage 'Creating New Places and Communities' will look at possible strategic options would be an opportunity for assistance.
- **It was agreed that early discussions between UDC and ECC will take place to explore options and approaches.**

UDC approach could be more prescribed than GCP approaching identifying options.

District Members are not supportive of Stansted expansion.

PRG - immediate issue on Stansted will be resolved as we move through this existing plan period.

MN - Stansted Airport significant stand-alone transport hub

Update from Highways England

RES 2 announced last year and improvements to M11 junction 8 not mentioned.

A120 issue with running to end of next plan period. Need to look at this to accommodate ReS 3 and ReS 4.

Funding is still unchanged at present, awaiting the new budget report.

PRG - Lee Heeley and consultants at ECC positive on A120 corridor for rapid transit.

Update from ECC

BK - TRACCS accessibility commissioned by UDC. Mapping exercise of existing amenities in the district. (10,15 min walking radius) not site specific. Receiving feedback from parishes.

SM - looking for consultants for transport modelling for new LP. Previous work didn't include congestion scenario. WYG carried out the work.

KW - last time there was no focus on links, need an overview of the county and focus on smaller towns for re-assignment. Helpful early information to ensure development doesn't inhibit the BRT.

SM - UDC still considering the use of external consultant or approaching County Colleagues.

MY/DS - multi level modelling. (rural area) SW and Dunmow need a micro sim to give confident modelling. This option is costly. (several £100k up to £1 million) take time to develop, 18 months before having a useable model.

Using mobile data also costly, Harlow = £400,000

SM - BRT between Stansted and Dunmow, Landsec had said they would deliver as part of Easton Park Garden Community using their own funds.

DS - larger development proposals in district would justify transport modelling by promoters.

GG - meeting tomorrow with key landowners to have joined up approach. DS to attend

"Moving forward with Land E. of Saffron Walden"

Collaboration in preparation of Local Plan

SS - degree of issues arising politically with Council members re. Landsec PPA discussions and ECC application for a school.

KW - ECC previously objected to Landsec application on land off Woodside Way, Great Dunmow due to access constraints. There are issues with the area, however it is challenging. Coordination between authorities would be helpful to approach this.

- **It was agreed collaboration meetings will be arranged to discuss a appropriate way forward.**

Other Action.

DS - convene on town-by-town basis, district wide is too challenging.

BK - flagged Landsec PPA with Graham Thomas, notify him that GG will be in contact regarding application.

EC - willing to give feedback on scenarios, involvement at an early stage.

MS - review governance for A120 corridor and A505

Conclusion

UDC officers and PRG will collaborate closely with ECC, Highways England and Homes England in addressing the transport implications of development in Uttlesford and this collaboration will take place at three levels:

- **Strategic Spatial Options as part of the local plan process, including the work of SIDG.**
- **Preparation of Evidence Base to support options**
- **Managing developer proposals for individual sites ahead of LP adoption and that there will be a review of emerging developer**

proposals for each of the main towns to ensure a coordinated approach that puts the local authorities on the front foot in securing acceptable sustainable transport solutions.