

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT HELD ON FRIDAY, 21ST MAY 2004 AT 2.15 PM AT COUNTY HALL, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM

Membership

Nottingham City Council

- A Councillor Graham Chapman
Councillor A M Clark
- A Councillor Michael Cowan
Councillor M Edwards

Nottinghamshire County Council

- Councillor T H Butler
Councillor Mrs K L Cutts
- A Councillor A Freeman
- A Councillor D E Pulk

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:-
2004/007

That Councillor T H Butler be appointed Chair of the Joint Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED:-
2004/008

That Councillor A M Clark be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk to the Joint Committee reported that the City Council had appointed Councillors Graham Chapman and Michael Cowan to the Committee in place of Councillors Z Mir and K Mulloy. The County Council's membership of the Joint Committee remained unchanged.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th March 2004, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Cowan and D E Pulk.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members or Officers.

JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN (JSP) – PROGRESS REPORT

The County Director of Culture and Community updated the Joint Committee on the issues set out in paragraphs 8, 10 and 11 of the report as follows:-

Paragraph 8

With reference to the economic study, the consultants had prepared an interim report. The consultant considered in general terms, that the increased provision of employment land could be accepted. In the south Nottinghamshire area the report endorsed the approach of the JSP and the quantity of land recommended for various uses. This part of the report agreed that the locations highlighted in the western side of the area should be focused upon in the light of the ready access to labour and roads.

In the west and north-west Nottinghamshire part of the report the consultants again broadly supported the amount and distribution of land proposed in the JSP. However, the consultants were more pessimistic about the amount of manufacturing land required but more optimistic on office and services related land and, therefore, on balance recommended the provision of more employment land. Consultants also acknowledged the benefit that the Mansfield Ashfield Regeneration Route would bring to the area.

In the east Nottinghamshire area the focus on Newark in the JSP was supported and again, on balance, more employment land was recommended by the consultants. It was noted that this part of the report had yet to address the future economic impact of Finningley Airport.

In conclusion, the Director said that the final consultants report would be available in June and that it would be circulated to Members of the Joint Committee.

Paragraph 10

He confirmed that the technical papers referred to had now been made available to Members.

Paragraph 11

He advised the Joint Committee that Gedling Borough Council's Cabinet would shortly be considering the Gedling Local Planning Inquiry Inspector's report and that Rushcliffe Borough Council would be placing a Draft Local Plan on second deposit in early June with an anticipated end date of 19th July 2004.

RESOLVED:-
2004/007

That the report and the update provided by the Director of Culture and Community be noted.

A52 MULTI – MODAL STUDY – RESPONSE TO EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The County Director of Environment explained the background to the recommendations contained in the Study, particularly focusing on the new road bridge over the river Trent and the respective positions of the two Councils on this matter.

He advised the Committee that the date referred to in paragraph 2 of the report concerning the meeting of the East Midlands Regional Assembly should be amended to read 13th July and that, unfortunately, the findings of the Economic Development/Regeneration Study commissioned by the two Councils were not available to be reported to this meeting.

RESOLVED:-
2004/008

That, in determining their responses to the East Midlands Regional Assembly and in progressing the Joint Structure Plan, the two Councils take account of the following:-

1. that with regard to the dualling of the A52 from Bingham to Radcliffe-on-Trent, the Regional Assembly's views to the Secretary of State should include a request that the Highways Agency undertakes the necessary work to confirm the provisional alignment for the new road as a matter of urgency;
2. that the need for a new river crossing has been established and that support be given to the location of such a crossing at Radcliffe-on-Trent, subject to further work confirming the deliverability of such a crossing (it being noted that to avoid increasing traffic to the City Centre, provision must be after A52 dualling and accompanied by a comparable reduction of vehicular capacity on Trent Bridge);
3. that with regard to the safeguarding of a new river crossing, the two Councils undertake detailed feasibility work on the deliverability of a Radcliffe crossing and report back to the Joint Committee in advance of the modification stage of the Nottingham City Local Plan and the Joint Structure Plan;

4. that support be given to the proposals for measures for behavioural change, walking and cycling, bus priority and rail and
5. that the major A6211 Arno Vale Road link road scheme should be formally abandoned.

Following this decision, Councillor Mrs K L Cutts said that she could agree with the proposal concerning the dualling of the A52 from Bingham to Radcliffe-on-Trent but with nothing else contained in the report, particularly the proposed new crossing of the river Trent at Radcliffe-on-Trent. In the circumstances, Councillor Mrs Cutts requested that her objection to the above decision be recorded.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR GREATER NOTTINGHAM 2006/07 – 2010/11

During the debate, Members acknowledged that the concept of a Greater Nottingham Area was difficult to envisage in the light of the content of relevant policies of both Councils.

RESOLVED:- **2004/009**

That the two Councils continue to work closely together to produce a joint second Local Transport Plan for Greater Nottingham.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: PARKING PROVISION FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

RESOLVED:- **2004/010**

That the production of the new guidance “Parking Provisions For New Developments” (2004) be noted and that the subsequent presentation of this guidance to the County Council for adoption as supplementary planning guidance be supported.

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm

CHAIR

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