

## **AYLESBURY LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY PANEL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AYLESBURY LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY PANEL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2000, IN THE IRELAND ROOM, COUNTY HALL, AYLESBURY COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 2.53 PM

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

#### **Buckinghamshire County Council**

Mrs M A Baldwin, Mr J W Cartwright, Mrs M P Clayton, Mrs B H Jennings, Mr D Rowlands

#### **Aylesbury Vale District Council**

Ms J Brandis, Mr C Jones, Mrs C Lambert, Mr Metherell, Mr J Stewart, Ms C Willetts

### **OFFICERS**

#### **Buckinghamshire County Council**

Mr J Currell, Mr J Kemplen, Mr R Slevin

#### **Aylesbury Vale District Council**

Mr A Kirkham, Mr M White

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

The Head of Administration received apologies for absence from Mr W J Y Chapple, Dr B R Stenner and Mr Cadd.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Land Use and Transportation Strategy Panel held on Friday 12 May 2000, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed.

### **PARK STREET, AYLESBURY - IMPROVEMENT**

- 1 The Panel received and noted the report from the Head of Transportation, Buckinghamshire County Council, on the proposal to widen Park Street, between the canal and Vale Park Drive, and the additional enhancement of on-street parking facilities.

This would form the second phase of the Aqua Vale Project which Aylesbury Vale District Council have already widened Park Street from the canal to Osier Way. It was reported that within the planned second phase to widen the carriageway as far as the Vale Park Drive/Stocklake roundabout, a parking layby would be provided outside the properties north of Osier Way. This scheme was approved by Highways and Public Transport Committee at its meeting in March 2000 allowing works to begin in September 2000.

- 2 It was noted that a site visit between the joint Chairman of the Panel and Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council Local Members resulted in all parties agreeing that the least unsatisfactory solution to parking for residents between Osier Way (layby) and the canal was with a white line which would differentiate between the footway and the parking area.
- 3 The Panel asked for assurance that although at present no disabled drivers were resident along Park Street, provision would be made for future needs. In reply officers assured the Panel that when the Authority are made aware of disabled residents with particular needs cases are dealt with very sympathetically.

### **RECOMMENDED**

- 1 **That the additional works within the contract to provide a more structured parking arrangement between Osier Way and the canal be supported;**
- 2 **That improvement be made to the grassed areas at the Osier Way junction.**

### **WIDTH OF LINK ROAD RESERVATIONS**

- 4 Members were circulated with a supplementary report on the width of reservations on the link roads around the north and east of Aylesbury. The Panel noted that this supplementary report was due to a joint meeting being held, after the despatch of papers, involving colleagues from Aylesbury Vale District Council to try and resolve differences of opinion between officers to an agreed way forward. The Panel agreed to accept the supplementary report.
- 5 The Panel received the joint report from the Director of Environmental Services, Buckinghamshire County Council and Director of Planning, Property and Construction Services, Aylesbury Vale District Council which highlights the extensive work which the two Councils have undertaken on the preparation of the Aylesbury Vale District Local Plan and the Integrated Transport Strategy for Aylesbury. The transport strategy, which has been adopted, seeks to promote public and other modes of transport as alternatives to the private car. Difficulties have arisen over the interpretation of the proposals in relation to the link roads associated with the Major Development Areas (MDAs). Further difficulties have arisen through the Government's changing policy in transport, planning policy and housing.
- 6 Officers from Buckinghamshire County Council informed the Panel that the link road corridors should be built within reservations of sufficient width to accommodate

Aylesbury's transport requirements of the future. District Council officers confirmed that the District Local Plan requires the construction of single carriageway roads, and suggested that, and that as yet, it was unproven what extra capacity may be required.

- 7 It was further noted that Aylesbury's requirements for transport should be viewed beyond the plan period. The further work required to assess the link road corridor reservations should take this into account.
- 8 Officers explained that the actual extra width of reservation needs to be established and be protected for future transport needs beyond the current plan period of 2011. The options would then be available to develop this reserved area to accommodate, for example, a bus lanes or cycle paths, although at present, officers could not comment on its future use.
- 9 The Panel discussed the report at length and agreed that the recommendations should emphasis that the two Councils continue the good dialogue and joint working.

### **RECOMMENDED**

- 1 **That the County Council and District Council reaffirm their commitment in continuing to promote public transport and cycling and walking in and around Aylesbury Town and to investigate the extension of public transport solutions including bus lanes, light trams and public transport priority measures, etc as a means of providing the additional capacity to meet the potential growth in travel demand in the longer term;**
- 2 **That further work be commissioned immediately to establish the width of land required to be reserved for the transport corridors within the MDAs and therefore thereafter the two Councils seek to protect those corridors;**
- 3 **That further work be commissioned immediately to enable examination of the detailed implications for the layout of development and disposition of land uses within the MDAs of alternative alignments of the development link roads, the projected traffic volumes thereon and the environmental impact thereof; and**
- 4 **That the results of this work be used to inform the preparation of the transport elements of the planning briefs for each of the MDAs;**
- 5 **That the results of this work be submitted to future meetings of the Aylesbury Land Use and Transport Strategy Panel.**

**CHAIRMAN**

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