

A380 South Devon Link Road Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Title: A380 South Devon Link Road
 Name Of Meeting: Community Liaison Group Meeting
 Meeting Held At: A380 Site Office Board Room, Old Newton Road, Kingskerswell, TQ12 5LB
 Date And Time: 17th September 2015 - 6:30pm
 Minutes Taken By: Tracey Waygood and Patrick Beasley
 Attendees: Please see below
 Apologies: Please see below
 Distribution: To attendees and apologies

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| Item No. | Speaker | Comment | Action By |
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| 1 | KGP | <u>Welcome</u> KGP thanked everyone for attending and gave the apologies. | KGP |
| 2 | | <u>Attendees & Apologies</u> <u>Attendees</u> Ken Pegden (KGP) – <i>Chairman</i> <u>Torbay Council (TC)</u> Ian Jones (IJ) <u>Devon County Council (DCC)</u> Paul Couttie (PC) Rob Richards (RR) <u>Galliford Try (GT)</u> Chris Hastings (CHG) Tracey Waygood (TW) Patrick Beasley (PB) <u>Community Liaison Group (CLG) Members</u> Jane Pettifer (JP) Rob Newman (RN) Rob Speare (RS) Chris Hart (CH) Keith Fairman (KF) Phil Wise (PW) Brian Foster (BF) <u>Apologies</u> Liz Waugh (LW) <i>Coast Communications</i> Barry Hunter (BH) Pam Hampson (PH) Claire Foster (CF) | |

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| 3. | | Minutes of Meeting 2nd July 2015 – Matters Arising | |
| 3.1 | KF GT | 8.6 Stone at Aller Brake Road footpath Requested stone be laid at the top of Aller Brake Road as agreed. Derrick Barlow to implement | GT |
| 3.2 | KGP PC RR | 4.4 Footpath at Yon Street Had witnessed a near miss between a car and pedestrian. The bridge and surrounding area needs a designated walkway. Further TM to be implemented including a speed hump. Will take away for discussion. | DCC |
| 3.3 | CHG | 6.3 Landscaping This has already commenced in some areas. Will begin in earnest again when colder weather returns. | |
| 3.4 | RS PC | 8.2 Scotts Pine Still awaiting information about the planting locations of Scotts Pine. The landscaping designs are sectional. Within each section is a mixture of species, but locations of each shrub or tree cannot be determined. POST MEETING NOTE: PC emailed 18/9 RS and advised that about 660 will be planted. They start in the area to the west of the railway line north and south of the bridge that was demolished (opposite Aller). A large number will be planted around the new Aller junction and all the way along both embankments as far as Hamelin way. | |
| 3.5 | PC | Explained a few Poplar trees need to be felled near the railway at Edginswell. These are in danger of falling onto the track and their removal is necessary. POST MEETING NOTE: The trees were removed Saturday, 19 th September during a Network Rail possession. | |
| <u>3.6</u> | PC | Aller Brake Road / St Marychurch Road junction Some of the safety concerns have been addressed. Devon and Cornwall Police have inspected the junction. Once the SDLR is opened and new traffic patterns established, Devon County Council will revisit with Devon and Cornwall Police. | DCC |
| 4 | | <u>Project Update</u> | |
| 4.1 | CHG RS PC JP CHG PC CHG | North Section Still a lot of work to be done, with lane closures and road closures for surfacing north of Penn Inn. All surfacing works should be completed next week. Barriers are still to go in. The bridge is not sinking, despite some rumours. There will be a safety audit carried out before the flyover opens. South West Highways work on the Teign Viaduct will continue until December 2015. Has load testing been carried out? Gauges put in during load bearing works show the loadings are close to predicted tolerances. What is going to happen below the flyover? The walls will be rebuilt. Landscaping reinstated and all mounds removed. Footpaths will be reinstated, but one will be realigned to avoid a bridge column. The next phase will see a traffic realignment near to Addison Road. Median works will continue through the north section. | GT |

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| | KGP | Will the top surface be as agreed? | |
| | CHG | Yes. Nothing has changed. | |
| | CHG | The section towards Hanson's Quarry and Romany Jones will be the final part to be completed. It can only be finished once the main line opens and this has less traffic on it. Structure 11 (Aller Road Overline Bridge) will be substantially completed by the end of November. | |
| 4.2 | | South Section | |
| | CHG | The south section is well advanced, with surfacing works progressing. The concrete base at Maddacombe is still to be completed. | |
| | RR | The remaining stone works at Maddacombe to be completed. The new drainage is in place. It will be fully operational once the final surface is laid. | |
| | CHG | Surfacing between Yon Street and Hamelin Way is almost completed. Kerswell Gardens and Hamelin Way works are well advanced and on schedule. The next realignment will take place on the night of 21 st September. The following morning traffic will be travelling on the new structures. | |
| 4.3 | | Post opening works | |
| | CHG | Signs and barriers are going in along the new road. Snags and remedial work to be carried out before the road opens, this includes stone facing. It is the intention to complete all work adjacent to the carriageway before opening. Once the main carriageway is open, work will continue away from the roadside and on the side roads. Landscaping will recommence but it is possible it will continue into Jan/Feb. Accommodation works will continue. The aim is not to have any cones on the new road once it is open, but this cannot be guaranteed. An opening date cannot be given. There are many stages to go through, including the safety audit to be completed. | |
| 4.4 | RN | There have been traffic delays at Kerswell roundabout. Is there any way to improve the situation? | |
| | CH | This had been a problem but observed it has become easier recently. | |
| | TW | There is now more space for traffic as there is an additional lane southbound | |
| | CHG | Queuing on the A380 has decreased over the past year, but these problems can be found in every part of the country. | |
| | IJ | TC has a camera that monitors this junction and they haven't observed any major changes | |
| 4.5 | | Aller Link Road | |
| | CH | Very pleased with new Aller Link Road, but can visibility be improved at junction near Hanson's? The access is very dangerous. | |
| | JP | The new road is very good. | |
| | PC | Suggested improvements to junction safety will be passed to GT's Traffic Manager. | |
| | RS | Will the Aller Link Road close during these works? | |
| | PC | No. | |
| | RS | Will the A380 traffic be dazzled by headlights of vehicles using the new Aller Link Road? | |
| | RR | This will be raised in the safety audit and reviewed | DCC |
| | JP | The corner at Aller Brake Road is very tight. Buses have to cross onto the other side of | |

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| | PC CH JP BF TPC | <p>the road.</p> <p>This is as designed and should be viewed as a traffic calming feature. There are many other tight corners on the Aller estate. The road is not classed as a heavy route.</p> <p>Temporary water barriers might be influencing driving habits and pushing traffic over</p> <p>Thanked DCC/RR for making the new road two-way.</p> <p>The 'junction ahead' advance warning signs on the A380 need to be clearer.</p> <p>DCC will consult the SDLR Traffic Management Officer.</p> | DCC |
| 5 5.1 | KF/ JP RR | <p>Road sign names for Aller Brake Road (ABR)</p> <p>Both reported instances of drivers missing the turning into ABR at St Marychurch Road. Would like clearer signing towards Aller Estate here and at Penn Inn.</p> <p>Will review signage proposals near Romany Jones end and other areas.</p> | DCC |
| 6 6.1 | TW RR | <p>Community Events</p> <p>Approximately 3,000 people attended the Community Event. The SDLR video shown on the day is now on the SDLR website here http://www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/news/video-south-devon-highway</p> <p>DCC were very pleased. The event was complicated to organise and the atmosphere on the day was refreshingly positive.</p> | |
| 6.2 | TW | <p>The Colour Road Rush was equally successful and raised £50,000 for Rowcroft Hospice. A video is available online here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr-yJjeqkxs as well as one shot by CLG member Barry Hunter which can be seen here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr4j-P3xdnw</p> | |
| 7 7.1 | KGP PB | <p>Carved benches and plaques</p> <p>Has sourced possible sponsors of plaques for the benches but feels they need to be visible. In time they would remind people where the wood came from. All surfaces on the benches are curved. Can this be amended to accommodate a plaque?</p> <p>Will approach artist.</p> | PB |
| 7.2 | JP PB | <p>Sad that no bench could be placed in Aller.</p> <p>Had approached Teignbridge District Council who were unwilling to take them. Two will go to Newton Abbot parks, two to Kingskerswell and two to Torbay.</p> | |
| 8 8.1 | RR | <p>Opening ceremony plans</p> <p>There is nothing planned for the physical opening of the road. It will open overnight and road users will travel on it from the morning onwards. There will be a more 'ceremonial' opening later in the year, probably December.</p> | |
| 9 9.1 | TW RR | <p>Road layout leaflet</p> <p>Showed final drafts of two publications: a newsletter to be delivered to 5,000 homes in areas of Newton Abbot and Kingskerswell; and an XXL supplement being published in next week's Herald Express. These contained specially commissioned drawings of the main junctions to assist road users understand how the new junctions will operate</p> <p>There will be signs at Penn Inn directing traffic to Kingskerswell off the A380 before the flyover and then rejoin again on the other side. This is to minimise crossover traffic where the 'weave length' is insufficient.</p> | |

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| | RS IJ RR | Will traffic lights at Edginswell work efficiently? They are intelligent and can be controlled remotely. There will be the usual period of adjustment once the lights are operational. | |
| | CH RR | What will happen to the old A380 once the new road opens? DCC Cabinet has approved a £581,000 enhancement scheme which includes traffic calming measures and road priority changes. Post Meeting Note: TW sent the link to the consultation papers http://southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/consultation | |
| | RN IJ | What is happening to the palm tree? This will probably remain at the Willows. Torbay Council are sourcing a replacement at minimal or no cost to the ratepayer to be placed in the vicinity of the new junction. | |
| 10 10.1 | RR | Greenhill Road completion The kerbing at Greenhill Road will be completed as per contract. It is not part of the critical works. | |
| 11 11.1 | RR | SDLR completion date There was initial confusion over the contracted working hours. Originally 8am to 5pm and now 7am to 7pm. Calculating the difference gave a saving of four months. If the longer working hours had not been utilised the programme could have been extended by 4 months. | |
| 12 12.1 | TW | Communications Newsletter soon to be published (item 9.1). Monthly bulletin subscription numbers just under 1,800. | |
| 13 13.1 | RR | Rob Richards Thanked all the members of the CLG for their contribution to the project. Listed some of the group's achievements. | |
| 14 14.1 | KGP | Chairman Thanked everyone for their attendance over the years. Stated it was a privilege to serve as Chairman. Although was not in favour of the scheme was impressed by its technical achievements and he hoped he had remained impartial. | |
| 15 15.1 | KGP | Social meeting To discuss possible dates in a few months' time. | KP/TW |
| 16 16.1 16.2 16.3 16.4 | PD RN JP CHG KF | AOB Has seen salmon swimming in the River Teign. Wanted to express how safely he felt the works had been managed over the past years, especially in busy areas and during the summer months. What colour will the flyover be painted? Grey, the colour it is now. Are we aware that some of the block paving at the top of ABR has become loose and uneven? | |

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| 16.5 | PC | Yes, we are aware and it will be dealt with. | DCC |
| | TW | The project has won a prestigious Green Apple environment award. The ceremony is to be held at the Houses of Parliament in November. | |
| 16.6 | KGP | The silica report has not been delivered as promised. | DCC |
| | RR | RR apologised and will follow it up. | |
| 16.7 | All | Conclusion All present said farewells. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman. | |
| | CHG | Praised GT workforce for their achievement and would like this on record. | |
| | KGP | As their work had been completed, the Chairman announced the Community Liaison Group was now concluded. | |