

Minutes of meeting on 28th February 2013
Civic Centre, Trowbridge

Chair:

Ray Conneely

Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd

Present:

Mike Moore (MM)

Road Haulage Association

Ian Gallagher (IG)

Freight Transport Association

Anne Lock (AL)

Campaign for Better Transport

Laura Gosling (LG)

Wiltshire Council

Kingsley Hampton (KH)

Wiltshire Council

Suzanne Coles (SC)

Swindon Borough Council

Steve Colwill (SCo)

Wiltshire Police

Graham Francis (GF)

Wiltshire Assoc. Local Councils

Carolyn Gibson

Wiltshire Council

Caroline Lightfoot

Wiltshire Council

Apologies:

Simon Lymn

Swindon Borough Council

Gaye Fairfield

Highways Agency

Rob Murphy

Wiltshire Council

Thomas Hutchinson

Wiltshire Council

Colin Davis

Aggregate Industries

Item

Action

1. Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of meeting on 1st of November 2012

The minutes of the meeting dated 1st November were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

MM requested an update on the B&NES HGV ban and asked how B&NES propose to differentiate between vehicle types when measuring air quality? B&NES are currently undertaking a feasibility study on the possible introduction of a Low Emission Zone. **IG** asked if the RHA / FTA could be present at future meetings and if the minutes from the previous meetings could be viewed. **KH** to investigate / request.

Post meeting note: Wiltshire and Somerset Councils have forwarded a joint response to the LEZ feasibility study. Copies will be supplied with these minutes.

KH

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<p>SC supplied a letter drafted on behalf of the FQP to SBC planning department. The letter requests mitigation to potential construction traffic regarding the Tadpole Farm development. Members agreed the letters content and will be sent.</p>	SC
<p>4. Freight studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B4069 Draycot Cerne to Lyneham update <p>LG updated the partnership on the B4069 and indicated that whilst work has progressed on the implementation of signage and gateway treatment, complaints are still being received. MM asked for details of Alan Price & Sons who have regularly been observed travelling above the speed limit on the B4069, to check if they are members of his association. MM suggested that paper information could be supplied to the Hills site to hand out to customers, LG to investigate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A361 Seend to Littleton Fork <p>LG provided an update on the A361 Seend study and the Cabinet Member consultation that has recently taken place. The consultation recommends the provision of positive signage to promote the A365 and liaison with hauliers that regularly use the A361. SC stated that the police would be interested in the early monitoring results if taken forward. MM suggested contacting a number of local hauliers that may generate HGV traffic on the A361 at Seend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B3109 Holt Freight Study <p>LG stated that Wiltshire's term consults Atkins were about to be commissioned to undertake survey work as a result of this route being established as a priority by the FAPM process.</p>	LG LG
<p>5. Liden Drive HGV Review</p> <p>SC gave brief update on recent discussions between Officers, Parish Council and Ward Members for Covingham and Dorcan. Parish Council have agreed to conduct surveys to understand what vehicles are using the route. Once this information is known then appropriate solutions will be discussed further.</p>	
<p>6. Minerals & Waste brief on Core Strategy</p> <p>CG gave an update on the Core Strategy and both the minerals and waste documents being prepared for the strategy. CG indicated that a pre hearing meeting was taking place today that gives opportunity to raise procedural queries regarding the strategy. The Core strategy examination is due to</p>	

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commence in May with the formal report expected by the autumn. The Strategy is hoped to be adopted by the end of the year.

MM raised the question of engagement with neighbouring authorities particularly Dorset. **CG** indicated that neighbouring authorities including Dorset were consulted at each stage of the plans production. The Localism Act requires Local Authorities to work together and introduced a 'duty to cooperate'. This is demonstrated in the councils - Statement on 'Duty to Co-operate' (July 2012) - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/statement-on-duty-to-co-operate>

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Waste Allocation

MM suggested that the level of HGVs on the road correlated to the import of waste into the county should be measured.

Minerals

CG reported that this area received high levels of comments during consultation and was far more emotive than the waste consultation. Strategy is now based upon seven key sites and is going through the final adoption stages, including allowing a period of 6 weeks for legal challenge. **IG** enquired into the level of regional engagement. **CG** will provide feedback in October.

CG

Freight Action Plan Update

KH discussed the Freight Action Plan and gave an update on each policy and how these have progressed over that last year. The following notes were raised against the policies:

- **FP1:** in view of the continued absence of the South West freight forum should joint FQPs be considered where applicable projects exist.
- **FP5:** Requests made to ensure that policy supports/welcomes commercially led lorry parks.
- **FP6:** **CG** requested review / reinforcement of core policy 61 from FTA/RHA
- **FP8:** **CG** questioned if this policy was reflected in the Core Strategy, **KH** to investigate.

Actions will be redrafted and sent to members for approval.

KH

8.	Update from the Freight Industry	
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IG and MM gave an update from the industry on a number of items, including:

- Fuel cost & alternative engine / fuel technologies
- Consultation on speed limits – Plans to increase speed limit for HGVs greater than 7.5T to 50mph



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor Service Consultation – Plans to streamline and increase digital presence of governments motoring agencies. Including privatised testing of HGVs• HGV road user levy act – announced today see: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fairer-deal-for-uk-hauliers-in-hgv-road-user-levy-act• Hinkley point C planning looking probable, Wiltshire will need to consider the potential of through traffic in the county• Raising awareness of the A371 Castle Cary, Somerset, bridge closure and asked if Wiltshire had considered this within their monitoring of traffic?	KH
<p>9. LEP Update</p> <p>CL gave a brief update on LEP activities and highlighted that the SWLEP have been given the green light to go ahead and negotiate plans to get the freedom, powers and tools needed to shape their own economic future through the 'City deal' initiative. Focussing mostly upon redundant MOD sites See: http://www.swlep.biz/news/81</p>	
<p>10. Local Transport Body</p> <p>KH delivered a brief on the newly proposed Swindon & Wiltshire Local Transport Body (LTB). The LTB will be based upon Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) geography. The LTB will have to submit proposals on governance, financial management and delivering value for money to the Department by the end of February. Once established, they will be required to set and declare their prioritised investment programme by July 2013, with a view to spending in 2015 and beyond. The assurance framework that underpins the LTB was sent to DfT on the 28th of February and can be viewed here: http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=35221&optionId=0</p> <p>SCo asked if proposed funding allocation was ring fenced for transport use. KH to respond.</p>	KH
<p>11. Update on the management of sub-standard bridges (Note)</p>	
<p>12. Any other business</p> <p>KH gave a brief update on Lorrywatch, reporting that four operators have been prosecuted and that 27 are currently under investigation. SCo asked if the makeup of this 27 can be established and if for example they are from individual operators. KH to investigate.</p>	





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<p>AL requested that the FQP engages with the LTB to raise awareness of freight issues.</p> <p>RC requested that the documented procedure for the FQP including a review of the terms and conditions be included within the agenda for the next meeting. KH to action.</p>	KH
<p>13. Current Roadwork's in Wiltshire & Swindon: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm See below link for roadwork's in Swindon: http://www.swindon.gov.uk/ts/ts-roadshighways/Pages/ts-roadshighways-roadclosureslist.aspx</p>	
<p>14. Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p>Date set for 10.30 a.m. Thursday 6th June 2013 at Civic Centre, Trowbridge.</p>	

