

# Haslemere Vision : Transport Group

## Notes on the 2nd meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:30

**Present:** Stephen Bennett, Nikki Barton, Andy Braithwaite, Ken Griffiths, Cyndy Lancaster, Paul Megson, Stephen Mulliner, David O'Brien, Marianne O'Brien, David Round, David Simmons. Libby Piper, Mayor of Haslemere attended for items 1-3.

**Apologies:** Chloe Nash, Robert Serman

**Absent:** Sandra McHugh, Dominic Walton. (Diana Vartan has regrettably left the Group)

**Chairman:** David Round (DVR) who also took notes of the meeting

**1. Minutes of Meeting 1.** They had been agreed and were approved. No matters arose.

**2. Revised Terms of Reference.** Andy Braithwaite (AB) had spent time revising the TOR and they were approved subject to minor amendments which Andy has since applied and circulated.

**3. The MSCP (multi-storey car park) at the Railway Station.** Stephen Mulliner (SNM) reported on progress following many meetings he had had with the railway people, government ministers and others. The problems caused by much on-street parking by commuters is a well-known issue where the MSCP is recognised as the obvious – or major part of a – solution. It seemed as if South West Trains did not see the MSCP as a priority for them, given the few years left of their franchise (to operate train services), HMG restrictions on the financing and subsequent treatment of income from the car park. Rail traffic had increased markedly in recent years and was forecast to increase by a further 25% over the next 20 years. It was doubtful that the MSCP would be built in the near future, even though HTC (Haslemere Town Council) was prepared to fund a significant contribution to the cost. It was recognised that of the three tiers of local government only HTC had any interest in a MSCP. Any contribution that might be made by HTC would have to be defined, and applied for, by January 2014.

Much discussion revolved around this issue during the meeting, and also in previous and subsequent emails sent around the group. Space prohibits mention of all the points and the matter is still under consideration.

It became clear that statistics on parked vehicles were not always in agreement and it was resolved to seek further data. Data would change as commuters reacted to CPZs (Controlled Parking Zones) being implemented by SCC (Surrey County Council). We could ourselves survey parked traffic; or we could avail ourselves of funding to secure help from professionals. **AB would progress** the latter point within HV.

Libby Piper left the meeting

**4. Transport Evidence Review.** This followed on naturally from the MSCP discussion. AB went through a slide show summarising traffic volumes for the present (mostly 2005), and for 2026 (under two scenarios), he had obtained from various surveys conducted by SCC. We were fortunate in that no major problems in capacity (on the roads) and bottlenecks were foreseen for the Haslemere area. There was much interest in the traffic flows into and out of Haslemere at various periods. It was thought that HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicles) were not significant in number (following a worry from DVR that any proposed one-way system might have trouble accommodating HGVs at certain points). There were some gaps in AB's analyses which he would attempt to fill. We agreed to try to ascertain more accurately the number of out-of-town commuter cars parked on Haslemere roads. (Being pursued after the meeting and see also 3 above)

**Nikki Barton** introduced the meeting to some forthcoming plans in SCC, including a possibility of funding. **David O'Brien** had circulated an outline framework for our report due later this Winter. He summarised the approach we should take in constructing the Report. His time in doing this was well appreciated.

Considerable time had been spent usefully airing the MSCP and data issues and it was agreed to carry-over the remaining agenda items to the next meeting.

Before then it would be helpful to "walk the route" concerning future provision of "green-ways" through the town and other traffic considerations. DVR would email everyone with alternative dates. It was likely that we would meet in the Waitrose Car Park (by the supermarket entrance) at 2pm on .....

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