

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
Langley Transport Infrastructure Stakeholder Meeting

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday 27th September at 13:00pm

Location: St Martins Place, Pluto Suite 4

Attendees		
Masum Choudhury	MC	
Laura Martin Leech	LML	
Graham Young	GY	
Wendy Matthews	WM	
Savio DeCruz	SDC	
Leo Tarring	LT	
Amy McGrath	AM	
Rudo Beremauro	RB	
Mick Kinane	MK	
Shin Dother	SD	
Eleanor Cryer	EC	
Councillor Fiza Matloob	FM	
Chair	MC	Masum Choudhury
Minutes	AM	Amy McGrath

Item	Description	Action
1	Introductions & Welcome	
2	Apologies No Apologies	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting No Previous Minutes	
4	Project Pipeline and Rationale	
	<p>SDC: 2017-2020+ - SMART Motorways approved September 2016. 7 Bridges in Slough effecting Berkshire/Buckinghamshire's network. The site compound in Sutton Lane (Slough) 2021/2022. 18 - 24 months until Slough works commence. HS2 – Currently going through House of Lords which will be concluded by the end of October. No contractor appointed for depot – late spring / early summer.</p> <p>1st – Hex depot 18-24 months programme.</p> <p>2019 depot to Langley</p> <p>CEMEX 200+ Heavy Goods Vehicles through Slough, site currently in Richings Park.</p> <p>Western Rail link to Heathrow starting on site 2020-2024.</p> <p>Cemex are considering mothballing the Riding Court farm site in light of the Richings Park extraction.</p>	
5	Hollow Hill Lane – Experimental Closure and Consultation	
	<p>SDC: The reason for closure – HS2 proposed to start in 2017, a considerable amount of landfill to be excavated. Also, proposing to build a new bridge over Hollow Hill Lane and redesign the road layout. Tracks connect to the Great Western main line and Western Rail proposal to close Hollow Hill Lane within a few years.</p>	

	<p>The Department for Transport (DfT) has been lobbied by Slough and Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership to coordinate these strategic projects.</p> <p>Hollow Hill Lane has been closed in advance to test the road network in order to assess where mitigation is required before the strategic projects commence.</p> <p>Experimental order allows the Council up to 18 months to undertake data gathering and receive comments via the consultation process including objections and this usually undertaken within the first 6 months. The remaining 12 months is afforded to the Local Authority to make a decision whether to make the scheme permanent or not.</p> <p>Formal consultations started 2nd August</p> <p>Press releases were undertaken at least 2 weeks in advance.</p> <p>All ward members were invited to briefings in advance of closure (end of July)</p> <p>All major projects being publicised with indicative dates.</p> <p>No information has been hidden, all facts have been publicised.</p> <p>Officers disclosed that they could not discuss how the negotiations with HS2 are going.</p> <p>SD asked if other routes/options have been considered.</p> <p>SDC reported that there were no other options with regard to the closure of Market Lane/Hollow Hill Lane. In the scenario that we do not close the bridge then Network Rail will need to include the closure as part of their planning application.</p>	
6	Traffic Surveys and Modelling Outline	
	<p>Traffic loops are to go into place week commencing 3 October – 16th October and to be placed on strategic routes in Langley. ANPR to be installed on Wednesday 12th October. Diffusion tubes to be installed in Langley to record and monitor effect on air quality.</p> <p>Data will be back end of October/early November; Network Rail ANPR data is to be released on 12th October.</p> <p>The Council will gather robust data and this will be shared with all parties (Bucks County Council and South Bucks District Council, Network Rail and HS2)</p> <p>Initial feedback did not solely focus on the pinch points, however to date the feedback we are receiving from residents and commuters is focusing more on the problem areas (pinch points).</p> <p>Pre- closure data has been collected prior to the school holidays. Following the meeting officers have checked the report from Network Rail which indicates that approximately 3500 vehicles in each direction have been using Hollow Hill Lane. This is broadly in keeping with the Bucks CC data which indicated between circa 8000 in both directions.</p>	
7	Identified Problem Areas	
	<p>MK – mentioned that traffic is bad at the Brand's Hill Junction. Is there any possibility of redesigning the junction?</p> <p>SDC - Informed the group that the Engineers are investigating options that can be introduced at the junction in order to improve traffic flow.</p>	

	<p>Slough Borough Council is trying to seek a mitigation package.</p> <p>Langley Neighbourhood Forum and Iver Parish mentioned that a through route is the only viable option. They further mentioned that a new bridge would alleviate issues, however SBC's major concern is that it would connect with Colnbrook and J5 leading to congestion at this location.</p> <p>Any funds secured through mitigation will be spent in the Langley area.</p>	
8	<p>Mitigation Workshop MC – Workshop to be undertaken at the next consultation meeting.</p>	
9	<p>AOB and Future Dates</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All future dates agreed by all attendees, clarification given to EC with regards to timings. • It was agreed that the minutes would be circulated to all Stakeholders. 	

Next Meetings:

- **26th October 12:00-14:00 Pluto Site 3 - St Martins Place, 51 Bath Road Slough, SL1 3UF.**
- **23RD November 12:30-14:30 Pluto Site 1 – St Martins Place, 51 Bath Road Slough, SL1 3UF.**