MINUTES OF FREIGHT SEMINAR MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd May 2007 at Riverside Centre, Newport

PRESENT:

Steve Porter – QTP Chairman Roger Barnard – IW Older Voices Morris Barton – Chamber Commerce

Ian Boyd - Island 2000

Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council Ken Dueck – IW Economic Partnership

Jim Foreman - T A Reader TDT

Jim Freeman – Steve Porter Transport Steve Gilbert – Bernard Logistics

Clir Tim Hunter Henderson – Isle of Wight

Council
George Jenkins – George Jenkins Transport
Paul Lyon – Road Haulage Association

Stuart McIntosh – Cowes Harbour Commission

Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council

Andy Mintram – Red Funnel

Dave Moore – Isle of Wight Council
Martin Mullins – Isle of Wight Council
Bill Murphy – Isle of Wight Council

John Packer - Moreys John Rayner – Red Funnel

Simon Richards – Hampshire Constabulary

Nicky Rogers – AONB

Steve Sansom – P D Port Services Peter Taylor – Isle of Wight Council

Clive Tilley – Wightlink

Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council

Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council

Andrew Willson – Wightlink

Ian Winn – Wightlink

1. WELCOME

Steve Porter (SP) welcomed the group and introduced the meeting.

2. HISTORY OF ISLAND FREIGHT

Chris Wells (CW) gave a presentation outlining the five year accessibility strategy within the Local Transport Plan. He explained how the spilt between bulk freight and road haulage had altered over the past 20 years and how this had impacted on the Island.

3. LONG TERM VISION FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Bill Murphy (BM) introduced the Local Development Framework, the specific strategies and the consultation undertaken. He explained the six possible options for the location of future development, the consultation findings and the main core polices that had been developed.

4. PORTS ENQUIRY

Dave Moore (DM) informed the group of the Island Ports Sustainability Study which had been undertaken, the reasons for the enquiry and what would and would not include. DM gave details of the study, who had made contributed, identified gaps, the issues faced by freight and possible solutions.

5. STRATEGIC ROUTE MANAGEMENT

Peter Taylor (PT) explained the Isle of Wight Council's duties under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and the role of the Traffic Manager to secure the easy movement of traffic on their road network. PT highlighted issues freight has moving around the Island and the present controls and advice in place.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The group discussed the issues and opportunities for freight on the Isle of Wight, details on attached, Annex A.

7. WHAT NEXT? DEVELOPING A STRATEGY

The group felt that the main issues to be address were Ferry Ports, Road Network, Trailer Parks and Bulk Freight.

It was agreed that the group would meet again following the outcome of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and the Ports Enquiry.

Comments forms were circulated to be completed and returned to Chris Wells, along with suggestion of future invitees.

8. FUTURE CHAIRPERSON

SP informed the group that he wished to be able to participate in future meetings as a freight haulier. Ian Boyd stated that he was happy to stand as an independent Chair, the group agreed.