

MINUTES OF FREIGHT SEMINAR MEETING

Held on Tuesday 22nd January 2008, Quay Arts Centre, Newport

PRESENT:

Ian Boyd – QTP Chairman

Ron Bowler – Moreys

John Brownscombe – IW AONB Partnership

Kevin Burton – Isle of Wight Council

Jim Foreman – T A Reader TDT

George Jenkins – George Jenkins Transport

Graeme Jeremy – 5 Star Transport

Rob Kingswell – Kingswell Heavy Haulage

Nick Kirkby – Red Funnel Distribution

Mike Lightbown – M. P. Lightbown & Son

Marc Morgan – Huws – Southern Vectis

Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council

John Packer – Moreys

Steve Porter – Steve Porter Transport

Steve Sansom – P D Port Services

Mark Stallard – M. W. Stallard Transport Ltd

Peter Taylor – Isle of Wight Council

Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council

Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council

Cliff Williams – Contract Distribution Services

Ian Winn – Wightlink

1. WELCOME & REVIEW OF THE MORNING

Ian Boyd (IB) welcomed the group and introduced himself and the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd May 2007, were agreed.

ISLAND PLAN

Wendy Perera (WP) Acting Planning Policy Manager was unable to attend the meeting. Chris Wells (CW) circulated a paper, supplied by WP, outlining the Island Plan and the key transport infrastructure issues including Coppins Bridge and Cross Solent Travel. A consultation evening on transport infrastructure was being held on Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 6pm in the Conference Suite, Isle of Wight College, Medina Way, Newport. Those wishing to attend the meeting were advised to contact Emma Brown in Planning Policy.

NEWPORT TRAFFIC MODEL

Peter Taylor (PT) explained that Highways and Planning were working together on the Island Plan and that the Newport Traffic Model, which was prepared by Mott MacDonald, was a key tool. The Model was a mathematical equation which allows for traffic flows around Newport to be altered and the outcome noted, without closing any roads. The Model would also help to predict the impact of future developments around Newport. A detailed report on how the Model had been prepared along with possible options for the future including a Medina Crossing and changes to St Mary's roundabout had been published on the Council's website, www.iwight.com. PT explained that the Model would not be able to solve issues such as rat running in a particular street.

PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)

CW informed the group that the Isle of Wight Council had been selected as one of the final five authorities to be considered for a PFI. The other authorities were London Boroughs of Redbridge, Hounslow, plus Sheffield and York. The Isle of Wight was the only rural authority within the process and the existing PFIs were all urban authorities, such as Portsmouth. The Council were in the process of updating the business case.

3. AIM / PURPOSE FOR CONSIDERATION

IB explained that it was felt to be beneficial for the group to have an agreed aim. It was noted that the aim did not include the word freight although it was implied. IB suggested that additional comments should be e-mailed to the Secretary for discussion at a later meeting.

4. ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

A number of concerns and issues were raised during general discussion including:

- How new development in East Cowes and Freshwater would impact on Newport.
- Past planning decisions.
- A need for a relief road through Pan and not just an access road to the new estate.
- Travel Plans required for all developments as well as greater contributions from developers into the surrounding highway infrastructure.
- A Workplace Travel Plan required for the Isle of Wight Council instead of huge car parks.
- Reconsider the management of car parks and the price of parking permits.

- Additional Park & Ride schemes.
- More incentives form people to leave their cars at home.

All of the comments made during the mapping exercise have been summarised in Annex A – Action Plan.

5. **SUMMING UP & WHAT NEXT?**

IB explained that the comments received during the mapping exercise would form basis for the workshop at the next meeting.

Rachel Mills (RM) handed out copies of a survey for business that received deliveries which could either be completed as paper copies or completed online. The survey originates from the Department of Transport's best practice on the establishment of a Freight Quality Partnership. The questions had been slightly amended on the guidance of Steve Porter to ensure that the survey was relevant to the Island. A survey for freight drivers was also circulated, which asked for the issues that individual drivers encounter on the Island's highway network. The closing date for both surveys was the 15th February 2008. Following the outcomes of the above surveys it was felt that a third survey may be required investigating how freight travels through Hampshire to the Island.

POST MEETING NOTE: The closing date for both the Business Survey and the Drivers Survey was extended to the 22nd February 2008.

6. **DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 17th March 2008 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 2 (the old marriage room) on Floor 2, at County Hall.