

LCWIP Working Group 7th April 2021

Present:

Cllr Kris Barker (FTC)
Adrian Berendt
Ben Coleman (PJA)
Katie Cullen (KCC)
Cllr Alastair Gould
Tim Stonor (FFF)
Cllr Julian Saunders (Chair) (FTC, SBC)
Cllr Eddie Thomas (FTC, SBC)
Chris Wright (FFF)

Apologies: Natalie Earl

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (DTC)

1) Minutes 10th March

The minutes from 10th February 2021 were approved.

It was noted that the funding proposal submitted to the Area Committee had been successful which will be beneficial for the progression of the LCWIP.

It was noted that a meeting had been held with representative from KCC, FTC, PJA and CW, TS concerning the junction of A2/A251 and ways to improve the crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. The discussions will be ongoing.

2) Update on NHP

Kris Barker provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group is currently focussing on three main work streams, Policy Drafting, Site Selection and Local Green Spaces. A further exhibition is planned for May with the themes of Site Selection and Local Green Spaces.

During public consultation, at both the exhibitions and the residents survey, concerns had been raised about transport in general and more specifically Watling Street. At the recent policy workshop, a discussion on the transport and its role in Neighbourhood Planning had taken place. Hannah Barter (Urban Vision) had confirmed that transport did not come under the jurisdiction of NHP's and that transport considerations could form an appendix of the Neighbourhood Plan. For cohesion of development transport needs to be a consideration.

ACTION: Meeting to be convened Friday 9th April at 2pm LCWIP and NHP discussion (DTC)

3) Review of LCWIP

Ben Coleman updated the meeting on the progress of the LCWIP and confirmed that stage 1 – defining scope and stage 2 – gathering information had been completed. It was noted that data was for commute cycling (and didn't include utility, school or leisure trips).

Stages 3 and 4 would be Network Development, separate stages for cycling and walking.

The presentation opened up discussion on how future development will impact travel movement and low traffic networks. The positioning of new schools on sites to the east was noted. It was desirable that schools trips were factored in, Watling Street is key to the NHP and the location of schools (and proposed schools) should be incorporated.

It was noted that the Faversham Parish Boundary doesn't extend to the boundaries on some of the proposed development areas. There is a case for extending the LCWIP beyond the Parish Boundary with the Parish and Town Connections project.

The next stage would be site auditing, which could involve volunteers.

JS question is there a mechanism for capture proposals from developers and build them into the plan. BC responded that he would need to be provided with the information and then it would be linked up

It was noted that Route 1 should be incorporated.

TS confirmed he had a list of tight radius junctions throughout the town.

The LCWIP would deliver routes that could possibly be funded by S106 agreements, or through LCC. It would be a wish list for when funding becomes available.

It was agreed that the plan for good design to enable walking was more straight forward than the required provision for cycling. Small measures in design will make a big difference to walking.

It was agreed that trip generators should include school data.

It was agreed that routes should include those that people would like to use with or without intervention.

The LCWIP should be financially and technology ambitious, with ranging delivery options (eg. 5, 10 years and beyond).

4) LCWIP and NHP

The new developments could be trip generators in each direction.

Trips could be to services that exist, but thought should also be given as to what services/provision are missing, and if services/provision could be in better locations, possibly on the proposed sites.

5) Liaison with Partners

JS and AB have met with KCC representatives. It was agreed that Katie Cullen would join the LCWIP working group.

Oare PC have confirmed that they are happy work with us. It was agreed that steps to engage with Boughton under Blean Parrish Council should be made.

ACTION: Jeff Tutt to be contacted (JS)

6) Public Engagement

BC detailed difficulties with engagement at this stage. The LCWIP is a framework of route alignments, hard to get feedback on.

The next stage would be site auditing, which could involve volunteers and maybe beneficial.

The importance of engaging with groups was acknowledged. Initial groups that would need to be engaged should include Faversham Footpaths, Faversham Walking Group, NHS Health Walks, Cycle Groups, Disability Groups, though there would be others.

Steps should also be taken to work with the NHS through surgeries and schools

7) Date of Next Meeting

The meeting would be held on Wednesday 7th May at 9.00am.