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Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

Movement and Transport Group

First meeting: 8th October 2013

Present: Hugh Blythe, David French, Yngve Granne, David Morris, Mike O'Brien

1. Scope of subject area

The scope of the group's subject area was agreed as covering:

Destinations:

- local
- for work
- for shopping

Bus services/links

Access to train services

Village road system

Traffic management

HGV traffic

Cycling and cycle tracks

Walking and footways

Parking

Car sharing

The special movement needs of the disabled, elderly and parents with small children also needed to be considered.

2. Main issues

The process is that the main issues will emerge from the views and ideas expressed by residents at the 3-day 'drop-in' event on 21-23 November and the subsequent parish questionnaire.

The transport chapter on pages 19-21 of the 2007 Parish Plan gives an indication of what the main transport issues are likely to be.

There is up-to-date information on public transport needs in the ORCC survey on the S4 bus service published in December 2012.

A parking survey was last carried out in 2004 by the Deddington Parking Task Force.

Other points which were raised included:

- The Plan has to cater for the different circumstances of Hempton and Clifton as well as Deddington.

- Concern about the Hopcraft Lane/St Thomas Street and Earl's Lane rat runs.
- Concern about the volume of HGV traffic.
- Some all day parking in Market Place is by Hempton/Clifton residents who drive to Deddington to catch the S4 bus.

3. Potential 'drop-in' questions

Apart from post-it notes for 'free format' comments, the drop-in event will feature comment sheets for each topic area with a number of 'starter' questions to stimulate public reactions. Residents would be invited to respond 'Yes' or 'No' (or 'Agree/Disagree') and then add their own comments.

A number of parishes have also invited visitors to complete a separate comments sheet saying what they like or dislike, or would like to improve, in the parish. This idea originates from the 'My Community Rights' website.

The 'starter' questions should be constructed so as not to lead. The approach should be to pose questions designed to stimulate public comment and to find out to what extent the subject is an issue for a number of the community.

Responsibility for having a first stab at drafting the 'starter' questions was allocated as follows:

Bus services/links - DM
 Access to train services - MO'B
 Village road system - DF
 Traffic management - YG
 Cycling and cycle tracks - HB
 Walking and footpaths - HB
 Parking - MO'B

4. Display at 'drop-in' event

Guidance should be given by the steering group to ensure consistency in the displays assembled by each of the topic groups.

A preference was expressed for comments sheets (in tabular form) to be placed on tables rather than pinned to the display boards. The sheets would then be easier to write on, more private to complete and would not encroach on display board space.

Thoughts about the Movement and Transport display included:

- a large scale street plan of Deddington, with Hempton and Clifton insets;
- photograph of peak-time traffic congestion at the A4230/B4031 crossroads;
- photograph of parking in Market Place;

- photograph of S4 bus.

It was noted that all the responses at the 'drop-in' event would need to be transcribed.

5. Next meeting

22nd October 2013 at Grove House at 7:30 p.m.