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Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

Movement and Transport Group

Sixth meeting: 20th February 2014

Present: Hugh Blythe, David French, Yngve Granne, David Morris

Apologies: Mike O'Brien

1. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the types of questions to be put to individual stakeholders. Draft questions had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2. Stakeholders previously identified were:

Oxfordshire County Council

Stagecoach

Heyfordian

Go Ride

Thames Valley Police

Ambulance Service

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Ramblers Association/Oxford Fieldpaths Society

Local cycling group

3. It may well be necessary to arrange several meetings with OCC, since its movement and transport remit covers highways, pavements, footpaths, cycle tracks and subsidised bus services.

The Parish Clerk had written to a number of key stakeholders, including OCC, enquiring as to points of contact. DF to find out what information had been received from OCC.

Cllr. Oldfield had also suggested several contacts, and it might be worthwhile to exchange notes with neighbouring parishes about their experiences in engaging with OCC and local bus providers.

Prior to meeting OCC, the group ought to familiarise themselves with the transport policy documents on the OCC website.

4. There was interest in meeting Go Ride to explore whether there was any potential for a late night service from Oxford.

There was also discussion about the viability of a service to/from Bicester North/Sainsbury's/Bicester Village. A mini-bus would be needed because of the hump-back bridge at Aynho Wharf on the Clifton Road.

According to its web site, Go Ride "is a not for profit company dedicated to cut carbon emissions and increase social inclusion through the provision of public

transport in Great Britain. We are an organisation interested in bringing new ways of operation to public transport, broaden the appeal of services across the social classes and therefore increase patronage to make services more sustainable."

5. The proposed meetings with emergency services (fire, ambulance, police) could be used, for example, to find out whether and to what extent target response times are adversely affected by rush-hour congestion at the A4260/B4031 crossroads.

It would be helpful to obtain more information about the future plans for the Horton Hospital. As the hospital is no longer taking serious cases, there is likely to be more ambulance traffic to Oxford.

The discussion with the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service should probably be opened at local level through the crew manager of Deddington Fire Station.

6. As regards rights of way, it was unclear who had proprietorship of the Deddington Circular Walks. The excellent CDC leaflet published in 2009 did not assist. It would be helpful to track down a footpath map giving designated footpath route numbers.

7. As regards cycle tracks, HB said he would look into the possibility of input from Banbury cycling groups.

8. The draft questions were endorsed as a basis for engaging with stakeholders, although they were not intended to be prescriptive in any way. DF to start the ball rolling in setting-up meetings.

9. It was also noted that the steering group had requested the topic groups to circulate their initial thoughts on questions for the comprehensive parish questionnaire by 30th April. The questionnaire would probably be conducted in September. This should be discussed at the following topic group meeting.

10. The timing of the next meeting would be dependent on progress in engaging with stakeholders.