

Minutes of transport group meeting 17th July 2017

Present: Barbara Kettel, Miranda Fyfe, Jim Rickard, Sheila Fettes.

Apologies: Peter Fane, Jim Chisholm.

Absent: David Pepperell, Bill Powell.

The agenda was to discuss and build on the paper previously submitted by Jim Chisholm.

Parking.

Based on a comment from Peter Fane that "This is definitely a NP issue, in the sense that provision for parking is a planning issue", we began in this area.

Rail parking is a major issue as there is at present no provision. Consequently roads such as Shelford Park Avenue which are adjacent to the Station are permanently filled by commuter's cars. We assume that many other cars parked in the NP locality may belong to similar people. Shops along Woollards Lane are complaining that customers (such as hair dressers) are unable to park for their appointment time.

We identified three main parking needs.

- Some are all day parking: commuters or Tradesmen.
- Some are destination parking: hairdresser, dentist, doctors, etc.
- Some are on this way through the area and stop off to purchase items.

Hence we realise that parking could last anywhere from a few minutes to all day.

We realise that parking restrictions can cause as many problem as they solve.

Residents Parking permits mean an administration cost and a resident cost and require enforcement.

We could utilise the idea of residents parking only between 10am and 4pm with no parking outside these times.

We could insist on visitor/tradesmen passes but again this brings a cost and administration.

Every restriction causes frontier problems as the parking migrates past the restriction.

The other problem revolves around public transport. People often drive to the transport access point; in this case the station.

There is a lot of media discussion about the bus routes through the NP region. #7 will shorten it's journey by using Addenbrookes Road. For us this is mainly good, but it does eliminate a trip to Waitrose and hinders the Long Road students. One user group suggests that the new 10 minute service alternates with Trumpington and Addenbrookes to solve this.

The alternative is to travel by train but this an hourly service and costs to senior passengers as opposed to the free bus service.

Proposed question for questionnaire.

"While recognising that local businesses need to remain attractive to customers, would you support more stringent restrictions on roads where there are major issues such as Woollards Lane, Shelford Park Avenue, Leeway Avenue and High Street."

Action point.

We propose to monitor the parking across the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane and the McCalls car park from 7am to 7pm on Tuesday 12th September. We intend simply collecting vehicle number plates and length of stay during this day. Miranda will be designing a collection sheet. We would welcome support for this venture.

Next meeting.

Monday 14th August at **19:30** at 3 Adcroft Piece, CB22 5FD.

We have made this an evening in the hope that Stefan Harris-Wright could be invited to attend.

(Peter: could you please send the invitation?)

