



## NORTH AREA COMMITTEE



### AGENDA

**To: City Councillors:** Todd-Jones (Chair), Price (Vice-Chair), Abbott, Austin, Bird, Gawthrop, O'Reilly, Perry, Pitt, Sarris, M. Smart and Tunnacliffe

**County Councillors:** Manning, Onasanya, Sales and Scutt

*Dispatched: Monday, 8 June 2015*

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 June 2015

**Time:** 6.30 pm

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## **NETWORK RAIL RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT NORTH AREA COMMITTEE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 ABOUT NEW RAILWAY STATION**

*Why was planning permission needed if the land was already under the control of Network Rail?*

Planning Permission was needed as the land had never been used as a station.

*Why is a new planning application needed and when will it be submitted?*

The current permission was given to the County Council, but Network Rail are required to apply for its own permission due to change in funding.

*Why a 16 week planning period?*

It is the recommended period for determination of major planning applications of this scale and nature.

*When will work commence on site?*

Work has already commenced on site for site clearance and the project will undertake their first major works to the rail infrastructure in April.

*Will the capacity of the station be sufficient in the long term? Surely you will need more capacity to grow the station.*

The station has been designed to allow future expansion.

*Can you put in footings on the Fen Road side now so it could be opened up in the future to provide pedestrian access to the new station and across the track to the other side?*

Network Rail does not own any land in this area and there were no plans to provide access from this area. It was noted that Cambridge City Council owned land in the area and this option could be explored.

*What is being done with respect to the Fen Road level crossing?*

A risk assessment on the level crossing was undertaken during the development of the project and no additional risk was imported to the

crossing as a result of the new station. Therefore no change is proposed.

*What will be the impact on Milton Road and its junction?*

The impact on surrounding roads was looked at during the development of the project and it was considered that the station would not have an unacceptable adverse impact on the road from traffic generated. Nonetheless, the County Council did propose to carry out some traffic management measures to improve the efficiency of the system on Milton Road.

*What action is planned to improve the safety of Milton Road Junction?*

The County Council proposes to carry out junction improvements at the Cowley Road/Milton Road Junction, through the alteration of lane allocation on approach to the junction for traffic travelling south from the A14 junction. The improvements include a dedicated left turn lane to Cowley Road. Further improvement work is also being considered.

*When would traffic surveys be completed?*

The county council will be undertaking a survey very soon and this will be monitored going forward as a condition of the planning permission.

*Won't the layout of Cowley Road and volume of station traffic create safety issues?*

The County Council, in their development of the scheme, assessed the impact of the station on the local area. An assessment was also made during the application process, and a condition was attached that ensured that further cycle and pedestrian improvements to Cowley Road were submitted to, and approved in writing, by the local authority.

*Will the Network Rail maintenance track alongside Cowley Road be used as a segregated cycle and pedestrian route instead of the busy Cowley Road?*

Network Rail Property is working with the County Council to develop this proposal separately.

*How close would the cycle bridge be to the Station?*

The cycle bridge, as the crow flies, would be approximately 400m from the new station. It would be a little bit further than that when following the cycle and pedestrian routes on the proposed Chisholm Trail.

*Will there be a dedicated cycle route to and from the station that safely integrates into the surrounding network?*

Cycle routes form part of the station scheme and Network Rail is working closely with the cycle groups to support them on further schemes.

*The proposed route to the cycle parking area was circuitous if you entered the station from the furthest point.*

The Cycle route is in detail design stage and we will take comments on board.

*Is it possible for a cycle route to be provided between the new station and the aggregates rail track?*

There are no plans for this at present.

*Will the dimensions of the lift allow easy access for cycles, wheelchairs and pedestrians?*

The lift will hold cycles (more information to follow).

*How many car and cycle parking spaces will there be and will they be adequate for the future?*

450 parking spaces and 1000 cycle spaces will be provided, a transport assessment was undertaken during the development of the project and the number of spaces is deemed sufficient for future growth.

*What design had been selected for the cycle racks? Would they allow use for those with non-standard bike or who were unable to lift bike onto raised stands?*

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*Would the cost of parking reflect the need to discourage on street parking (low enough to encourage use)?*

Details of the parking charges have not yet been agreed but will be the same as other station car parking facilities.

*What will be the impact on resident parking?*

Surveys will be undertaken before and after the station opens to monitor the impact on resident parking.

*Has adequate on-site provision been made for construction worker parking?*

Office space has been rented near to the station site as a construction headquarters. Existing sidings would be used to house a construction traffic car park.

*How will public transport links be encouraged?*

The station is designed to be an interchange, combining all modes of transport to make them all easily accessible.

*The 500m Acoustic barrier appears to be too short and stop short of the station. Why?*

The barrier was intended to address properties that would be affected by the new station. Pre-existing rail track noise would not be addressed.

*Will light pollution from the station have an impact on neighbours?*

A planning condition that ensures that light glow from the station will be controlled and mitigated was attached to the extant permission. The information needed to demonstrate that the lighting will be controlled and impacts are adequately mitigated will need to be submitted as part of the new application for the new station.

*The name of the station should be interesting and celebrate its location; can you confirm what it will be?*

Consultation is on-going regarding the name of the station. The Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan Issues and Options Report consulted on this question and the findings will be passed onto Network Rail and the Department of Transport for further consideration in due course.

*Who authorises trains to stop?*

The Train Operating Companies (TOCs) and Department for Transport (DfT) agree on the timetabling for the station through their franchise agreements.



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**COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>North Area Committee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>09 April 15</b>
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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p><u>TREES</u></p> <p>Trees on Milton Road affected by the bus route &amp; 14/73/NAC</p> <p>Tree replacement plan Milton Road and Gilbert Road</p> <p>Loss of trees on Carlton Way.</p>			<p>Added to the Action Sheet at the request of Councillor Pitt – and with the agreement of the committee on 3 July 2014.</p> <p>Update from Cllr Bick (at 18 December 2014).</p> <p><b>Update 18 Dec 2014 Cllr O’Reilly</b> Cllr O’Reilly read a statement from the Tree Officer, a copy of which can found in the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr O’Reilly agreed to update the Committee on a full update of the tree replacement programme for Milton Road and Gilbert Road</p> <p>Cllr O’ Reilly to investigate why a number of trees of Carlton Way have died and if / when they are to be replaced.</p> <p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> City Officers had been due to meet County Council officers but this meeting had been delayed.</p>
<p>Developer Contributions and Devolved Decision Making - First Round Priority-Setting for Play Area Improvement</p>	<p>Alistair Wilson, Streets and Open Spaces Asset Manager</p>	<p>Final update requested when projects out to consultation / delivered</p>	<p><b>Update 18 Dec 2014 Cllr O’Reilly</b> Chestnut Grove and Perse Way: Tenders have sent and quotations should be received by the end of December for work to be completed by July 2015.</p> <p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Out for public consultation.</p>

<p>14/13/NAC – Speed awareness courses for 20pmh offences. Who will provide them and will they be offered locally.</p>	<p>Councillor Todd-Jones</p>		<p><b>Update:</b> This matter would remain on the action sheet to allow Officers to discuss the matter further with the Police.</p> <p>There is a local provider of speed awareness courses, and drivers don't have to take them in Cambridge. Details of the company to follow.</p> <p>However whilst national rules allow for speed awareness courses for 20mph violations there is currently no local course set up. Police are investigating what needs to be done to achieve this, and Councillor <del>Ware</del> Todd-Jones will report back later - <b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Cllr Todd-Jones to follow up on this matter.</p>
<p>14/26/NAC - Tree roots opposite Co-op Green End Road causing trip hazard</p>	<p>Councillor Manning</p>		<p><b>Update:</b> Additional tree has been added to the list for remedial work but the item is still on-going.</p> <p>Further update: given the cost and the fact that there is now an EIP in that area, and a project I have got added to the Northern Area Corridor Transport Plan pot, it will be done as part of one of these. Officers have confirmed this won't affect either project (in terms of adding extra cost or stopping elements from being done).</p> <p><b>Update 5 Dec 14 Cllr Manning :</b> Initial site visit completed and this matter will be included in a wider feasibility study of the area.</p> <p><b>Update 15 Dec 2014 Cllr Manning:</b> Work has been delayed but the issue is still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Update 20 Jan 2015 Cllr Manning:</b> Feasibility study still being written.</p> <p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April Cllr Manning</b> A residents meeting had been held and a decision on future action is expected to be considered post-election.</p>

<p>14/56/NAC Open Forum – Progress on the safety assessment for the junction between Milton Road and the new development between Milton Road and Woodhead Drive</p>	<p>Councillors Kevin Price and Mike Todd Jones</p>		<p><b><u>Update Nov 2014</u></b>  This it is a planning issue the City Councillors are now looking into it. Additionally, the original area specified was not actually correct and as such the reply given was not therefore accurate.</p> <p><b><u>18 December 2014.</u></b>  No update given – Cllr Price to provide an update at the next NAC committee on 2 February 2014.</p> <p>Can confirm that a safety audit (dated 5 February 2014) for the new junction off Milton Road has been carried out by the County Council’s Road Safety Engineering Team. The audit was carried out as part of the County Council’s powers under the Highways Regulations of the Highways Act (1980).</p> <p>The safety audit raised several design problems with the proposed junction and made several recommendations to mitigate the problems, which the applicant agreed to implement.</p>
<p>14/66/NAC  Update on Mitcham’s Corner development</p>	<p>Suggested by Committee 28.08.14</p>		<p>Ongoing as related to the City Deal.</p>
<p>14/65/NAC  Parking restriction in De Freville area and impact around Milton Rd Library</p>	<p>Cllr Scutt</p>		<p><b><u>18 December 2014, Cllr Scutt</u></b>  Regarding Parking Restrictions steps have been taken to place double yellow on the corners of all the inter sections Milton Road. County Council are appointing an Officer to look at parking in Cambridge and the problems that residents experience to determine safe parking.</p> <p>Would investigate the possibility of four hour parking restrictions in this area as requested by Mr Sergeant at the December meeting.</p> <p><b><u>3Feb 2015 Update Cllr Scutt</u></b></p>

		<p>From County Officers: With regards to Milton Road Library parking, whilst it would not be permissible to restrict a parking space solely for library use, the County can restrict the duration of stay to say one hour to prevent long term parking and introduce some turn-over of vehicles utilising the parking bay.</p> <p>This would involve an amendment to the traffic regulation order (TRO) and the installation of additional signage, so there would be a cost associated with this work which would need to be borne by a third party - that is residents or need to secure funding from alternative sources.</p> <p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April Cllr Scutt</b> Has discussed this with County Council Officers and options under are consideration including Pay and Display bays,.</p>
<p>14/74/NAC Progress with Chesterton Sports Pavilion 12</p>		<p><b>18 Dec 2014, Cllr Todd Jones.</b> There will be a more detail update on this item from the Urban Growth Project Manager, Tim Wetherfield, when the Committee will look at the third round priority setting. Planning Permission was received on 4 December and work should start on site in March 2015. Further updates to come back to committee when there is more to report</p>
<p>15/4/NAC Q1 Information on how the planning department monitored developments such as Hilltops to ensure that they are let to genuine students.</p>	<p>Councillor Todd-Jones</p>	<p><b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April Cllr Todd-Jones</b> The planning department confirmed that the current Cambridge Local Plan 2006 requires any speculative student accommodation (i.e. not being provided for a named institution and not covered by policies 7/7 or 7/9 relating to the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University respectively) to have a legally binding agreement or planning condition tied to the Institution providing the accommodation (Policy 7/10 and supporting paragraph 7.50, Cambridge Local Plan 2006) to ensure occupancy restrictions exist to require the accommodation to be made available only to full-time students of Anglia Ruskin University or the University of</p>

			<p>Cambridge. The Council normally includes this restriction in the Section 106 agreement for a development. Student housing in lieu of affordable housing is only permitted on a small number of sites set out in the Proposals Schedule of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.</p> <p>The emerging Local Plan (Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission) is still being examined by the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. Policy 46 of the Cambridge Local Plan: Proposed Submission document requires institutions to demonstrate clear need for accommodation and that students must be attending the institution for a full-time course of one academic year or more. This approach is less restrictive than that of the adopted Cambridge Local Plan 2006 as the range of institutions able to use such accommodation is widened, but the emerging policy still seeks to address local concerns about the high turnover of student accommodation for language school and ‘crammer’ use by specifying course length of one academic year or more. The approach to providing student housing in lieu of affordable housing has been discontinued in the emerging plan. It should be noted that the weight which can be given to the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission is limited as its policies have not been found sound by the Inspectors as yet and the number and type of objections to Policy 46 reduce its weight in decision-making (in line with the requirements of paragraph 216 of the National Planning Policy Framework).</p>
<p>15/4/NAC Q2 To investigate with property services: area around Tesco’s continues to be untidy. There is a large, uncovered, wire cage style litter bin, and rubbish gets blown about.</p>	<p>Councillor Price</p>		<p>Property Services are in the process of renewing the lease to Tesco and as part of this they will be leased an additional area at the rear of the shops where their cages are and will be erecting a simple store with flat roof (subject to landlord’s approval of the design and planning approval). Their cages will be installed in the area and this should be tidier and eliminate blown rubbish. The rear access road is just for Tesco and the takeaway for deliveries but not, longer term parking. The tenants are responsible to ensure the access is not blocked and control rubbish etc. We will pick up these issues with them.</p>

15/6/NAC Q6 Is there any funding left in the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and if yes could it be used to repair the shared use pavement?	Councillor Manning		<b>Update 9<sup>th</sup> April Cllr Manning</b> Awaiting updates
15/15/NAC Q1 Buchan Street improvement works. When will the work be carried out?	Councillor Price		
15/15/NAC Q5 Fire service vehicle accessing narrow streets with cars parked on both sides.	Councillor Price		
15/16/NAC The Public Realm Manager undertook to circulate the letter regarding litter to members for information.	Wendy Young		
15/17/NAC Sharing 'Open Data' to assist with the setting of Area Committee Police Priorities	Councillor Manning and Councillor Todd-Jones		<b>Councillor Manning</b> has agreed to take this forward and will be arranging a follow up meeting.

## North Area Committee Future Agenda Plan

### Forthcoming Agenda items

1. Highways – Operational Criteria and Maintenance
2. Update on Major Planning Developments for Cambridge
3. Cycling Related Issues including improvements to Cycle Paths Yellow Lines
4. Inviting the PCC Outreach Worker (Rebecca Avery) to a NAC meeting

### Future Updates

1. Fen Road
2. New Cycle bridge over the River Cam
3. S106 Transport Corridor

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