

Minutes of meeting of Transport Working Group

Held on: Tuesday 13th November, 6.30 – 8 pm, at 37 Sutton Wick Lane

Present: Christine West, Colin West, Andrew Bax, Tony and Barbara Warwick, John Scott, Ray White, Pervin Shahin, Keigh Clough

Apologies: Yvonne Stimpson

1. **Introduction**

This was the first meeting of this group.

2. **Proposed Housing Sites**

General discussion: raised valid objections against the proposed site (Caudwell land) to east of allotments in view of subsequent transport issues on the Drayton to Sutton Courtney road.

3. **Transport issues:**

a) A34 slip road (currently closed)

There were mixed views on the idea of re-opening this access.

Some benefits noted were:

- entry roundabout would calm traffic
- would improve traffic flow and ease congestion at Abingdon
- would give easy access to Abingdon/Oxford for Drayton and nearby villages

Ray reported that the Highways Authority had said (approx 1 year ago) that it would not be considering re-opening the slip road.

Agreed it would be a good idea to research the possibility of re-opening the slip road.

b) Bus Services

At present run every 45 minutes. It was agreed that a half hourly service would be more useful with double deckers provided at peak times.

ACTION A suggestion was made to research bus routes with Thames Travel; **Keith volunteered to action this.**

c) Traffic calming

General agreement that calming measures were needed at entry/exit points to the village.

d) Pedestrian crossings

Agreed that these would need to be revised when the housing site was confirmed.

e) Parking facilities

Agreed that more organised parking was needed in the area of the green/PO.

ACTION Need to establish regulations relating to parking on the green with Parish Council.

f) Cycle Paths

Agreed that a route needs to be provided through the village to continue from route out of Abingdon towards Steventon.

g) Road Surfaces

Noted that a new surface on A34 could help reduce noise levels, particularly on bridge section.

Any Other Business

Need to review issue of implications of a new mini roundabout by entrance to Hilliat Fields, which would be required if housing went ahead on Earl of Plymouth's land between Henley Lane and Gravel Lane.

Could propose to Earl of Plymouth to extend development as a curve through the field rather than as a block.

John Scott summed an idea to structure the working groups' aims.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th December, 18.30 at 37 Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton.