

## KDBH Transport & Infrastructure Focus Group - Minutes of Meeting 23.02.2016

Present: Ian Fisher Graham Ryott Bill Lally Chris Baker Roger Halford & Louisa Jakeman

1. The Group welcomed Roger & Chris to the team.
2. Forward dates for meetings of the Group – 22<sup>nd</sup> March (LJ to host – 33 Barcheston Road Knowle B93 9JS), 18<sup>th</sup> April & 23<sup>rd</sup> May (IF to host both meetings). All meetings will start at 7.30 p.m.
3. Our immediate priority is to agree the questions on T & I which we wish the survey(s) which the Forum is launching in April to include. To do this, we need to agree what are going to be our themes. This will lead us towards drafting the questions. The researchers will be asked to advise the Forum on how best to frame the questions so that they are answered in a way which tells us what we want views about.
4. After discussion the Group agreed that our themes are going to be:-
  - i) Modes of transport used in a typical week for journeys outside the home and the purposes of the journeys made; what stops people from using alternative forms of transport for those journeys?
  - ii) Do people think transport choices will get better or worse in next 5/10/15 years? For what reason?
  - iii) Do people experience problems parking their own vehicles or with parked vehicles? Explain the problems experienced and where and when these occur.
  - iv) For how long would people typically need to park a vehicle during an average week and why?
  - v) Do people think parking will improve or get worse in the next 5 /10/15 years? For what reason?
  - vi) Roads and road junctions are convenient and useful but they can also create danger, excessive noise and air pollution. Where in KDBH do people feel road traffic and design of roads / junctions is a problem and why?
  - vii) Do people have any concerns about the environment in KDBH? What are they?
  - viii) Solihull MBC has a policy which encourages the use of sustainable transport including electric cars. How could this policy be implemented in KDBH?
5. The Group agreed that Graham's piece of work on sustainable energy solutions for the home was excellent but the suggested questions were too specific to energy conservation measures in individual homes/ buildings. Sustainability is important but we will concentrate on sustainable transport and the future trends of development and the capacity of infrastructure to serve them.
6. The Group also agreed that recreational journeys with one common start and end point such as going for bike rides for pleasure would not be within the scope of what we will look at – the Group will focus on journeys made with a purpose such as work, health, shopping, to use leisure / sports/ religious facilities.
7. Agreed action -All members to comment on items at 4 above **by close of play on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**
8. The Group agreed that our next task will be to gather the facts re: T & I issues now and how they have evolved over the last 10 years or so. We need to justify all statistics and statements contained in the Neighbourhood Plan by reference to data sources. LJ & IF will

ask for a meeting with Danny & Ed of SMBC so they can guide us towards the data sources that will lead us to what we need to know. When we have a picture of the data sources that it is best for us to use, we will divide the task of data gathering equitably between the Group by inviting Group members to volunteer to be responsible for research of specific topics.

9. Agreed Action – IF & LJ will meet at a Steering Group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February and will compare diaries to see when it might be possible for them to meet Ed & Danny. Aim to have held meeting before Group's March meeting if possible.