

DPAC – Project Group

Meeting held on 12 December 2005

Present

Councillor Robin Turner
Peter Maidens
Trevor Ford
Christine Yates
Marta Hancock
Nancy Pountain
Judi Bateman
Cordell Jackson
Ann Webster – DCC
Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Roy Holmes
Marian Edge
John Ireland

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed subject to the addition of Cordell Jackson to the present list.

Matters arising

Mick confirmed that the St. Peter's Street to Queen Street cycling order had not yet been published. Members expressed some concerns about the cycling strategy for the city in relation to the possibility for conflict between the user demands of disabled people and cyclists. It was agreed that the Council's Cycling Officer would be invited to a future meeting of the group.

It was confirmed that planning permission had been granted for the Quad development.

Mick commented that he had not yet had the opportunity to develop further the city meeting room database. He would endeavour to be able to report progress on this issue at the next meeting.

A query was raised regarding the figures given for the number of Arriva buses in Derby. Mick agreed to get clarification on the figures and report back.

Temporary bus station update

Mick updated members on the temporary bus station arrangements, which had been in place since 23 October 2005. Generally, it was felt that the change over had gone reasonable well. Because of highway safety issues a review of the location of the bus stand adjacent the Council House car park entrance was underway. Also, seating was being incorporated adjacent all bus stands where practical.

An issue had also arisen regarding the provision of the temporary bus station information in taped format. Mick was working with transportation colleagues, DAB and the customer to hopefully resolve the matter.

New Mickleover library

A plan of the proposed new library at Mickleover had been circulated. Nancy and Judi raised some specific and detailed issues about the buildings functionality and design. Questions in relation to the disabled people's parking proposals were also discussed. Mick commented that he too had some concerns about certain design issues. It was agreed that Mick would raise members concerns with library colleagues.

Dropped kerb programme update

A copy of the Dropped Kerb Rolling Programme had been circulated. The programme listed 220 requests for dropped kerbs. Mick confirmed that 30K had been committed to the programme in the 2005/06 financial year, which was sufficient to install about 60 drops. Dropped kerbs were also installed as part of major footway maintenance repair schemes, and were obviously included in new footways. Members expressed concern about the length of time customers were required to wait for their requests to be installed. Mick commented that he would raise members concerns with highway colleagues.

Derby Shopmobility accommodation

A copy of the new Derby Shopmobility (DSM) accommodation to be built by Westfield in the Eagle Centre car park had been circulated. DSM's management committee had agreed the building

design and parking arrangements. Mick confirmed that work on the accommodation had started and was scheduled for completion in April 2006. Members were pleased with the accommodation design, and that work had commenced. Concerns were expressed however about the travel distance some DSM customers who arrived by bus would be faced with until the new bus station was completed. Mick commented that there was inevitably going to be increased travel distance for some DSM customers from bus stand to accommodation until the new bus station was completed. The Council was continuing to work with DSM on a resolution to this issue but it was difficult to see what could be put in place that would significantly improve the current position. Mick agreed to keep members briefed about the accommodation build, and customer service access issues.

Any other business

None

Meeting dates for 2006

6 March 2006

15 May 2006

24 July 2006

2 October 2006

11 December 2006

All meetings would be held in Meeting Room 2 at the Council House and would commence at 2:00pm.