

DPDF – Project Group Minutes

8 February 2010

Present

Angela Neill
Andy Findley
Richard Williams
Judi Bateman
Nancy Pountain
Christine Yates
Helen Oakes – DCC
Andy Smart – DCC
Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Noel Walsh
Pat Fletcher
Janet Warner
Ann Webster – DCC

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matter arising

It was agreed that an invitation would be extended to highway colleagues to attend the next meeting to update the group on the progress of the experimental TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) on Babington Lane / St Peter's Street which can into force in December.

It was confirmed by Mick that he was shortly to hold a meeting with the Director of Derby Live to discuss sound enhancement and disabled people's means of escape issues.

Mick to arrange a pre-opening visit to the bus station if possible.

EIA still to be undertaken for the shopfront grant scheme.
Undetermined grant aided planning application regarding stepped or ramped shopfront approach still to be resolved.

Wayfinding structure

Helen updated members on the progress being made on the Wayfinding Structures project. The appointed contractor would be an expert in this field and should be aware of the measures which will need to be included in the completed project to deliver inclusion for all. Members commented that the style of free standing wayfinding structures was important as was the layout and font type and style of the text. Richard was pleased that the RNIB React system was proposed but commented that he felt the system should be more extensive in the city centre than currently proposed. Further detailed information about the React system and its use would be forwarded by Richard.

An EIA of Wayfinding Structures would need to be undertaken. Andy, Richard, Nancy and subsequently Janet agreed to help with the assessment, Mick to arrange.

Morledge update

Andy briefed members of the progress being made on the Morledge public realm project. A change in kerb material was proposed from that originally approved by members. Generally, there was acceptance that the material was satisfactory but Richard recommended that a black and white photo be taken of the original and proposed material. These photos would assist in identifying tonal contrast between materials, Andy to action. Also discussed were footway crossfall issues. Generally, adjacent the shops the crossfall will be 1:40 to a drainage channel. Then 1:20 at the steepest point between footway kerb to the drainage channel again. Members accepted that the best possible crossfalls were being achieved. Discussion also took place on the configurations of the controlled pedestrian crossings and tactile paving.

The draft EIA for the Morledge was circulated members who took part in the assessment to feedback comments to Andy over the next two weeks.

Accessibility premises London Road.

Members were briefed about new premises on London Road which were lower than the footway and where a new stair had been installed but no lift. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the

service provider expressing the group's disappointment that access for all had not been provided.

Accessible funeral limousines

The apparent absence of accessible funeral limousines had been raised with the council as an issue. Following investigation one local company had been identified which apparently had a six passenger vehicle including space for one wheelchair user. Members expressed some doubts whether the vehicle would indeed be able to transport a wheelchair user. It was agreed that this issue should be investigated and considered further by the council's Bereavement Services Forum.

Any other business

Mick commented on a lower than usual attendance at the last couple of meetings. It was agreed that an open invitation to all Forum members to attend Project Group meetings would be discussed at the next Forum pre-agenda meeting.

Judi mentioned an issue which had been raised with her about the suspension of a bus stop due to road works and no placement of a temporary facility. The absence of the temporary facility necessitated an unacceptably long walk to the next permanent stop. Issue to be raised with council public transport unit.

Date, time and place of next meeting.

12 April, 2:00pm Meeting Room 2, Council House.