

DPDF – Project Group Minutes 9 August 2010

Present

Andrew Hare
Pat Fletcher
Andy Findley
Angela Neill
Marta Hancock
Lynn Gilbey
Janet Warner
Nancy Pountain
Christine Yates
Richard Williams
Derrick Conway – Royal Derby Hospital
Rizwana Shaheen – DCC
Andy Smart – DCC
Ray Brown – DCC
Helen Oakes – DCC
Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Noel Walsh
Judi Bateman
Ann Webster – DCC

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Insufficient time to discuss

TRO – Cock Pitt / Morledge service roads

Rizwana explained that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was current out to public consultation for the area around the Cock Pitt and Morledge service roads. The consultation included the 9 bus station short stay parking bays located under the Riverside car park bridge.

Mick commented that he had objected to the proposal in relation to the absence of any designated disabled people's short stay parking. This objection had been considered but it had been decided to proceed to public consultation without amendment to the scheme. Group members were informed that they also now had the opportunity to comment upon the proposal which should be done by the date on the notice.

Morledge public realm update

Andy briefed members on the amendments to the Morledge public realm scheme. The proposal had been modified in respect of the removal of all the bus stops, an increase in the number of Blue Badge holder parking bays from 3 to 8 and the location of a taxi rank outside the bus station entrance.

Members were generally supportive of the amendments, but commented on:

- The need for frequent and convenient seating throughout the proposal
- A requirement for clear, enforceable and unambiguous signage at the Shopmobility pick up and drop off bay
- Concern about the absence of tactile stems to the controlled crossings
- Amendments to the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to reflect the modified scheme

These issues would be considered and reported back to the group at the next meeting.

Rights of way improvement plan

Ray briefed members on the progress in relation to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP). It was confirmed that work continues to implement the key objectives of improving path accessibility and engaging with disabled people's organisation on route priorities.

A concern was raised about the accessibility of the Mick/Mack route generally in relation to the access barrier design, which was noted.

Ray also commented that the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum needed to recruit at least one but perhaps two disabled members. Anyone interested should contact Ray directly.

Derby Royal Hospital – accessibility issue

Janet and Nancy briefed Derrick on the problems they had encountered in using the platform lift at the Derby Royal Hospital to breast screening reception.

Both members had experienced problems with the lift stopping mid travel and then either having to adjust their position on the lift or press the help button to summon assistance.

Derrick explained that he was aware of the lift operational issues described by members. European legislation in relation to this type of lift had apparently recently changed which might facilitate lift operation modifications which would hopefully eliminate the problems encountered by members. Comment was also made by members that they were told that an alternative accessible internal route avoiding the necessity to use the lift wasn't available. Derrick commented that he was certain that an internal route was available but would check. He would also look at the signage for the route and confirmed that assistance from either hospital staff or volunteers was available with travel from the main entrance to the screening clinic.

Andy asked about the use of the disabled people's car park by non-disabled people. Derrick commented that an event had been held at the hospital which he hadn't been aware of where public parking was at a premium and a decision had been taken to ease congestion by allowing drivers to park in the disabled people's car park.

Derrick commented that he felt this situation was a one off and was unlikely to arise again but that car park usage by patients undertaking frequent and debilitating treatment was permitted. Members generally supported this usage but felt it was important that such patient's vehicles should display a windscreen notice confirming approved usage.

EIA – New libraries

EIA need to be undertaken of the recently completed libraries at Allenton, Mackworth and Chellaston, Mick sought volunteers from the group to assist, which were:

- Allenton – Angela / Lynn and Andrew
- Mackworth – Marta
- Chellaston – Andy

Dates and arrangements would be confirmed.

Any other business

Wayfinding Structures

Helen brief members on the progress to date of the Wayfinding Structures project. The consultants were continuing to work up the proposals and the different layers of information provided. The physical design of the wayfinding furniture was discussed, it was however confirmed that the proposals were subject to change and that further consultation when the designs had been developed further would be undertaken.

Work also continued on the style, colour design and font of the branding and signage itself and again the advice of the group would be sought.

Darley Park Path

Mick confirmed that it was likely that a second planning application would be submitted for a multi-use path across Darley Park adjacent the river. Members asked to be informed when the application was submitted.

RADAR keys

Mick commented that there would be an increased charge for a RADAR key of £3 for non-Derby City residents starting from 1 October. The increase was to cover purchase and mailing cost increases.

Lime Grove bus stop

Janet commented that her nearest bus stop on Lime Lane didn't have a raised kerb to facilitate wheelchair user access onto DDA compliant buses, Mick would investigate.

Bus station access audit

Andy asked if the audit would be considered at the next DPDF meeting. Mick confirmed that it would be on the agenda.

Date, time and place of next meeting

18 October 2010 at 2:00pm in Meeting Room 2, Council House