

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**  
**22nd June, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillor Walker (Senior Adviser).; together with Councillors Dodson, Pickering and Swift

**G12. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership Executive Steering Group held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

**G13. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Townscape Heritage Initiative Partnership held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

Resolved:- That the decision of the Partnership in awarding grant under this Scheme for Nos. 22-30 High Street, be noted.

**G14. B6098 BOLTON ROAD, MANVERS; WARD 19 WATH - PROPOSED NEW SHARED USE PEDESTRIAN / CYCLE FOOTWAY**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Acting Transportation Unit Manager, which explained a proposal to improve cycling and walking facilities in the Manvers area as part of a package of measures funded by Barnsley MBC from Community Infrastructure Funding.

Reference was made to Minute No. G6 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and it was pointed out that the submitted report highlighted a further scheme that had been derived as part of the successful bid.

It was reported that the existing footway on the western side of the B6098 Bolton Road Manvers, terminated approximately 30m into Bolton Road from the Manvers roundabout. At this point pedestrians and cyclists had to cross the carriageway from the existing segregated pedestrian / cycle footway (on the western side of Bolton Road) to either continue down Bolton Road or to circulate the Manvers roundabout.

It was proposed to provide a continuation of the footway on the western side of Bolton Road to the point where the public footpath (Footpath No. 50) joins onto Bolton Road, (see proposals illustrated on Drawing No.

122/B6098/009/1 at Appendix A). This would provide a continuous footpath from the Trans Pennine Trail to Manvers Roundabout.

It was reported that the scheme also proposed to convert footpath No. 50 to bridleway status which would enable cyclists to use this link. The proposed footway on Bolton Road will be approximately 2m wide and will be designated as a shared use pedestrian / cycle footway and will provide a useful continuous link between the Dearne towns of Bolton upon Dearne, Goldthorpe etc to areas of employment and education within the Manvers area.

Reference was made to the new Coalition Government's announcements and an update was given on the current financial position regarding this scheme. It was noted that this scheme and the previous scheme were now at risk.

Resolved:- (1) That the results of the consultation exercise be noted.

(2) That, subject to confirmation of available funding, authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and for the scheme to be implemented.

**G15. A630 ROTHERHAM TO THRYBERGH SMART ROUTE - PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Acting Transportation Unit Manager and the Senior Engineer, seeking approval to undertake the detailed design and implementation of highway improvements at Mushroom roundabout (the junction of the A630 Fitzwilliam Road/Doncaster Road and A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road/Aldwarke Lane).

Reference was made to the Rotherham Bus Key Routes Working Group and to the consultation exercise commissioned in June 2009 to establish public opinion on issues that affected the key route between Rotherham Town Centre and the borough boundary with Doncaster along the A630 (the Rotherham to Thrybergh Smart Route).

Reference was also made to the report prepared by WSP, appended to the submitted report, and to the five options identified from the traffic modelling exercise.

Analysis of these options had highlighted that the proposal to introduce traffic lights to control traffic on Mushroom roundabout, and also facilitate the provision of pedestrian and cyclist crossings on all arms of the roundabout, together with the infilling of the subway on the Fitzwilliam Road approach to the roundabout and extending the existing bus only lane, was considered to provide the most benefit for general traffic, buses,

pedestrians and cyclists.

It was reported that the proposed improvements at Mushroom roundabout were estimated to cost £1.4million. The scheme had programme entry for the LTP strategic fund programme with £750,000 identified as available this year and £250,000 provisionally available next financial year. Furthermore, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive had also identified £500,000 to spend on this corridor this financial year and they had indicated they would contribute up to the full amount required for this project.

However, it was pointed out that the funding was identified in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Strategic Fund Programme for this year and next but this money still had to be fully approved from the members of the Finance and Integrated Transport Working Group. Council support for the scheme and a commitment to start would give the group confidence that the project could be delivered. Although £250,000 had been provisionally allocated to this scheme in 2011/12 the final LTP settlement would not be known until later this year. Reference was made to the Coalition Government's Budget announcements and their impact on this scheme and others within the Local Transport Plan.

Those present also discussed issues in relation to:-

- Impact on Aldwarke Lane
- Mowbray Gardens
- Operation of the Bus lane proposal
- Infilling of the subway
- Whinney Hill and Oldgate Lane
- Benefits of further signalisation

Resolved:- (1) That the report prepared by WSP and its recommendations be received.

(2) That, subject to confirmation of funding:-

(i) detailed design of a traffic light controlled junction with associated highway works be undertaken.

(ii) community information giving exercise be carried out in partnership with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

(iii) the proposal be implemented subject to no issues being raised at the information giving stage.

(3) That further update reports on both the Strategic Schemes and Local Schemes be submitted to the Cabinet Member.

