SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

Topic sub-group - Transport

Date of Meeting 07/09/2017 Time of meeting from 10.35 to 11.18 hours

Location of Meeting - 12 Old Bincombe Lane

Present: M. Blee, S. Elgey, C. Marsh

Key Discussion Points

- It was noted that each of the actions from the previous meeting had been completed.
- CM outlined a plan of action moving forward based on confirming that the draft objective aligned with the local plan, identifying any gaps in evidence and agreeing specific targeted questions for the next public survey.
- Discussion took place on the status of each sub-topic area.

Bus service – the surveys had provided objective evidence and should continue in order to support the Sutton Poyntz Society in its on-going dialogue with First Bus and the local Councillors.

Footpaths – CM reported that most actions had already been completed following the community survey. Two issues for future consideration would be allocation of a contact person for footpath related issues and possible community assistance with footpath maintenance. MB commented upon the need to address pedestrian access in general from a perspective of lighting, safety, accessibility etc. and identify specific improvements that the public suggest.

Puddledock Lane – CM suggested that the discussion document and response from Dorset County Council form the basis of options for the community in a future survey. He also noted the option of improving drainage to prevent degradation of the footpath as suggested by Andrew Price. The legal situation regarding an option of restricting motorised traffic was being pursued further by County Councillor Tony Ferrari.

Traffic Speed and Volume Monitoring – the County Council survey was planned for early September and would provide objective evidence which could be subsequently analysed. The strong support of the community for a 20mph speed limit on Plaisters Lane was recognised as a key factor in this decision it being noted that such a scheme would almost certainly involve direct costs for the community.

On-Street Parking – Seek public support for the creation of pedestrian refuges/vehicle passing points along Sutton Road and suggestions for off-street parking locations.

It was agreed that questions for the public survey should be supported by some points for consideration representing a balance of pro's and con's.

Decisions/Actions Taken

1. Continue liaison with Sutton Poyntz Society and carry out further bus survey in mid-November.

Action: MB/SE/CM

2. Ensure transport objective aligns with the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council Local Plan.

Action: CM

3. Draft questions with supporting points for consideration in each of the topic areas of Bus Services, Pedestrian Access, Footpaths, Puddledock Lane, Traffic Speed, On-Street Parking in preparation for the next public survey. Questions to be sent to CM by 10th October 2017 in preparation for a subgroup review meeting by the end of October (date to be confirmed)

Action: MB/SE/CM

4. Follow up with Councillor Tony Ferrari on legal advice regarding the traffic movement restriction option in the Puddledock Lane discussion document.

Action: CM