

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING
ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillors: R. Ransley (Chairman)
P. Hearn
P. McDowell
H. Piper
C. Townsend
Co-opted Members: Mrs E. Bendall
Mr H. Grace

Also Present: Mr M. Curry (Town Clerk)
Mrs. D. Slade (Deputy Town Clerk)
0 Members of the Public

19962. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Hollinghurst gave his apologies (prior appointment)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19963. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19964. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Hearn asked the Clerk, in County Cllr Hollinghurst's absence, if there was anything to report on Tring projects in the Tring, Northchurch & Berkhamsted Urban Transport Plan. No update had been received.

19965. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

19966. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

19967. THE LOCAL STATION PLAN

The second stakeholder meeting was held on 20th November 2019. 19 people attended.

Further analysis of the research data was distributed. There were 550 responses - the largest in the UK. Data is available as separate layers. Those present were asked to examine the results to identify any that were contrary to expectations. The following are results from the survey & comments about the survey:

- Cheddington had less than 50 respondents
- The survey did not cover weekends
- Sense that Tring has a higher percentage than average of professionals working at home with just a single business trip to work per week. Therefore not a commuter
- Evidence of active non-business usage
- Car park and car drop-off dominating how people accessed the station

- Cycle usage is relatively high
- The new Car Share scheme is going better than expected, but the take-up is still low in absolute terms (35 registered). Approx. 100 is needed
- Walking Audits (& Cycling) of routes to the Station are needed that highlight the good and bad points of possible routes to and from the station so that improvements can be made to overcome reluctance to use the routes

There was an interactive session where groups were asked to prioritise 3 things to make Tring Station better. There was a broad consensus on the priorities:

- Change the drop-off location
- Improve the station facilities especially provide toilets
- Increase cycle storage with a 'premium' provision

The aim is to have a draft plan ready in February. It will include actions for the franchisee and actions for other stakeholders.

Cllr Hearn requested a meeting with County Councillor Hollinghurst, who was not present at the Stakeholder meeting, to discuss co-operation with Hertfordshire County Council.

The Clerk reported that a funding bid for a community bus had been shortlisted.

19968. THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Clerk noted how the actions arising from the Local Station Plan would provide a basis upon which to expand and produce the wider Local Transport Plan.

A vision of sustainable transport suitable for a growing town was required the generally accepted wisdom should be challenged as times have changed.

The latter was particularly relevant to parking charges in the Tring and the future refurbishment of the High Street. Article 4 directions were highlighted as an area to explore in order to protect business property from changes to residential under permitted rights and to protect the Conservation Area from excessive parking.

The Dacorum Councillors present were asked to raise the matter at the Planning & Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Town maps will be used at future meetings to record highway issues e.g. non-existent white lines, lack of paths e.g. to access Dunsley Farm and the London Road bus stop, possible locations for pedestrian crossings e.g. Tesco's and Brook Street. The Town Warden will conduct an audit of grit bins in the Town. The number of lorries using Park Road was considered excessive for those required to use them for access.

19969. LONDON LUTON AIRPORT CONSULTATION

Copies of the draft response from Chilterns Conservation Group and from Hertfordshire Against Luton Airport were available with the consultation questions. Members had attended the consultation exhibition at the Nora Grace Hall.

RESOLVED: (i) To oppose the development due to the detrimental effect the planned growth would have in terms of noise, adverse impact on the environment, and local transport implications. (ii) The Clerk to prepare and submit the response

The meeting was closed at 9:10 pm

Chairman