

Cooperation for Sustainable Development Board

Held at Harlow Council, Tuesday 27 January 2015

Present:

Cllr Susan Barker (Chairman)	Uttlesford DC
Cllr Phil Baker	Brentwood BC
Cllr Mike Carver	East Herts DC
Cllr Linda Hazel	East Herts DC
Cllr Richard Bassett	EFDC
Cllr Chris Whitbread	EFDC
Cllr Kay Tittle	Essex CC
Cllr Jon Clempner	Harlow BC
Cllr Anthony Durkan	Harlow BC
Cllr R Danke	Hertfordshire CC
Cllr Helen Coomb	LB Redbridge
Claire Sime	East Herts DC
Derek Macnab	EFDC
Ken Bean	EFDC
Zhanine Oates	Essex CC
David Sprunt	Essex CC
Diane Cooper	Harlow BC
Paul McBride	Harlow BC
Graeme Bloomer	Harlow BC
Paul Chappel	Herts CC
David Hughes	LB Redbridge
Andrew Taylor	Uttlesford DC
John McGill	LSCC

Apologies:

Note of Meeting October 2014

The note of the meeting was agreed. It was noted that while not being routinely published the notes of the meetings would be publically available.

Chelmsford City Council

The correspondence from Chelmsford City Council, which stated that while they would not routinely attend the Board meetings they wished to keep the communication open, was noted.

Greater London Authority/FALP

The Board noted the update on the outcome of the Further Alterations to the London Plan and agreed that it was important to keep abreast of developments but that this was outside the remit of the group. The work to develop a new London Plan will take a

considerable amount of time and engagement throughout this process by individual councils would be necessary.

The Board noted the Regional meeting on 19 March 2015 and commented that all Councils should send a representative if possible.

Junction 7a of M11

David Sprunt of Essex CC provided a written update on various M11 junctions.

Due to various issues the Public consultation on a preferred design was now not expected to take place until 2016. The Board expressed general concern about this delay and it was requested that ECC needed to resolve matters quickly.

A bid to the greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP for funding towards improvements at junction 8 of the M11 had been partially successful as £1m of the £5m had been awarded.

West Anglia Routes, Crossrail and Central Line

The Board received a written paper and presentation from John McGill, Director of the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium (LSCC).

The Draft Anglia Routes Study has been published for consultation. This provided for longer trains and platforms but no significant investment is planned. A number of passenger counts has been carried out and this demonstrated that the data used was not reliable and underestimated the levels of passengers. In addition the potential growth of housing and business within the corridor was not being correctly factored in.

Local MPs had been successful in achieving an Adjournment Debate in the house of Commons regarding the line and its adequacy. As a result a meeting with the Minister had been held and various commitments to further work had been given.

The consultation on the preferred Crossrail 2 alignment had just closed with the regional route preferred by the Board. However, four tracking is required to deliver this alignment and this fits in well with the other strategic priorities for this area.

The Central Line updating and upgrading is referenced in the London Infrastructure Plan with full automation planned for 2029. This is an important investment and it is important that the line remains on the Infrastructure Priority List.

Strategic Housing Market Update

A brief update on the SHMA work was provided. Officers had met with ORS following the last meeting and ORS had completed additional demographic and economic work.

The draft report is expected to be received in time for an officers meeting on 2 March and presented to the next board on 16 March.

The Board agreed that officers should continue discussions throughout the election period to ensure that discussions were at an appropriate point for a future Board meeting in early June.

Ongoing technical work

The Board had a short discussion on the on-going need for new and updating technical evidence. Building on the success of the SHLA work it was agreed that, where practical, technical evidence should be jointly commissioned. This would not only assist in ensuring that the evidence was comparable over the area but would have the hoped for added benefit of reducing the overall costs for participating authorities.

Next Meeting: 16 March 2015 Epping Forest District Council