

APPENDIX 2

EXTRACT of MINUTES of a meeting of the POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor M Specht (Chairman)

Councillors R Ashman, N Clarke, T Eynon, P Purver, V Richichi, A C Saffell, S Sheahan and N Smith

In Attendance: Councillors J Geary, R Johnson, J Legrys, Ms K Smith and A V Smith MBE

Portfolio Holders: Councillors A V Smith MBE

Officers: Mr J Bright, Mr M Fiander, Mr G Jones, Mr M Murphy, Mr P Sanders, Mr T Shardlow and Mrs R Wallace

19. HS2 UPDATE

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the item, Councillor S Sheahan left the meeting for the consideration and discussion thereon.

The Head of Economic Regeneration presented the report to Members and introduced Kym Smith, SLC Consultant. She reported that the position on electrification remained the same and there were still no plans to electrify further sections of the midlands main line although she felt the position could be reviewed at a future date. She invited Members to contact her by email if they had any questions.

A discussion was had regarding the current proposed route at Measham and the proposed 'option 4' with an explanation on the Secretary of State's pending decision on the most appropriate route for HS2.

Councillor R Ashman commented that a small number of houses within his ward was not included on the route plan. He confirmed that the owners had received written confirmation that their properties would be affected by the route. The SLC Consultant was not aware of this and would look into it further.

Councillor N Smith expressed his disappointment that there would not be a link into a station at the airport.

The Chairman was concerned that if the proposed Measham Wharf site was not developed due to HS2, then the agreed Section 106 monies would be lost. He asked if compensation would be available, as that was the advice members of Planning Committee received when approving the planning application. The Head of Economic Regeneration responded that it was currently being looked into and there was also another site in Kegworth that would be affected.

Councillor R Ashman asked if East Midlands Parkway Station would be moved to improve transport links. The SLC Consultant explained that this would be a rail services decision but the Council could ask for work to be undertaken to improve the link. She also recommended that the Council contact Highways England regarding upgrading the A42.

Councillor A C Saffell raised concerns about the traffic impact on surrounding areas, especially Castle Donington. He felt it was essential to keep as many roads open as possible during the works.

It was moved by Councillor N Smith, seconded by Councillor V Richichi and

Chairman's initials

RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Comments made by the Committee be provided to Council when considering the report.
- b) The extensive engagement that has been, and continues to be undertaken, by and on behalf of the Council, with affected communities, businesses and other organisations along the North West Leicestershire Section of the route be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23 pm

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