

**SUDBURY STEERING GROUP MEETING
THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, SUDBURY TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2016
MAIN NOTES AND ACTIONS**

In Attendance

Steering Group Members:

Simon Barrett (SBa) - BDC Ward Member;
David Holland (DH) – BDC Ward Member
Nigel Bennett (NB) – Sudbury Town Council
Lorna Hoey (LH) – Sudbury Society
Chris Storey (CS) – Chamber of Commerce
Mark Bills (MB) – Gainsborough's House
Lesley Ford Platt (LFP) – Sudbury Market Town
Partnership

Advisory / Support Officers.
Lindsay Barker (LB) – BDC/MSDC
Melanie Yolland BDC/MSDC
Jacqui Howells (JH) - STC

Other attendees

Suzanne Buck (SBu) – Suffolk County Council
Robin Drury (RD) – Sudbury Society,
representative on sub group for Heritage &
Culture Strategy.
Tracey Brinkley (TB) BDC/MSDC

1. Welcome by Chair and context for the meeting.

2. Apologies and substitutes

John Sayers, SCC, Sue Dawes, BDC/MSDC

3. Notes from 4th March 2016 meeting

Agreed

4. Wider Vision for Sudbury - Heritage and Culture

Gainsborough's House Museum

MB provided an update on the submission for Lottery Funding, the first stage bid was not successful which is very common; positive feedback and suggestions have been received to strengthen the bid which will be incorporated into a resubmission later in the year.

Heritage and Culture Strategy

An update of the sub group's work to progress the strategy was provided with a first draft circulated. SSG discussed the first draft document – A Vision for Heritage and Cultural Tourism: A Strategy & Action Plan for Sudbury.

Initial feedback from the group included:

The need for the River Stour to be included in document; it should be a working, live document; the current draft needs some refining and it needs person/s to take this forward to explore funding opportunities, such as HLF bid.

Agreed: Document as a first draft.

SSG members to provide additional feedback to NB for the strategy to be revised and brought back to next meeting. If SSG agree it will then published as draft on the

website.

Action:

SSG Members to report back to NB with any thoughts on document with a view to make the document public after the next steering group meeting.

5. Update from Suffolk Highways

Bus station preferred option, Girling Street.

SBU circulated a briefing note which sets out the preferred option, draft programme of work, and timings which can be found on the following [link](#).

CS raised objection to progressing with preferred option, stated that significant concerns had been raised which he considered should be addressed before progressing. Chair reviewed notes from the January meeting which confirmed SSG agreed to this as the preferred option, and that concerns were questions to be addressed as part of the development of the project for planning.

Belle Vue Junction,

An update presentation was provided by SBU.

The further modelling of the junction has identified that no improvement will be gained by changing the layout of Belle Vue junction and it is recommended to keep layout the same, with some other improvements to pedestrian crossings and Ingram's Well Road (IWR).

Agreed:

The current layout provides maximum capacity, SCC to consider the options to improve pedestrian access with current layout and implement changes to IWR.

DH wanted to improve the appearance if possible through green landscaping. He also referred to the lack of footway at Bures Road end into Ingram's Well Road and the need to consider current parking in IWR by park users and need for footpath bottom of Ingrams Well Road enabling pedestrian access to Sainsburys

There is some S106 funds exist to help cover some costs of crossings.

Action:

SCC to look at the next steps and report back to SSG.

6. Wider Vision for Sudbury – Process for future planning

BN advised BDC/MSDC are developing a new joint LP for 20 years to 2036, the existing BDC plan takes us to 2031. The new plan will look at range of growth scenarios, how to meet minimum needs, and then the option which achieves higher levels.

Sudbury can accommodate present level of growth up to 2031, advising however; further growth will trigger need for relief road. Post 2031 – does Sudbury stay as it is, do we want to grow and improve chances for relief road?

Where will further growth go? There are opportunities for the town centre and will depend on what happens on the fringes so engagement with hinterland is crucial.

BN asked if this is something SSG would like to consider and take forward and whether the SSG the right place to lead and co-ordinate debate on developing a Greater Sudbury growth agenda? If so need to co-ordinate an engagement event over summer then develop options to consider in the Autumn.

Key to consider Braintree DC's plans and needs, work jointly. Additional growth wouldn't just be Sudbury but will be adjacent communities both sides of county border.

LFP asked do we know what Government will demand, BN said we do - formulaic approach allows us to calculate this, and devolution deal expects certain level of growth, in return for funding package and greater power about where investment takes place and on what infrastructure.

Agreed:

Members to consult with their groups to identify if the Steering Group want to lead on the engagement workshop.

Action: SSG members to report back to the next meeting.

7. Wider Vision for Sudbury – Tourism Development

TB forwarded links to newsletter and website and copy of email invite to the Stour Valley Tourism Action Group and asked the SSG to help promote it and encourage people to attend.

8. Taste of Sudbury

CS advised Jane Hatton has secured a deal with Abellio for free publicity advertising with them via Archant for the Taste of Sudbury event.

9. Date of next meeting: 8th July 2016 – updated position meeting postponed

The Chair thanked public attending and asked for them to leave to go into the Part 2 section of the meeting. Jack Owen voiced concern that public not asked for comments.

Part 2 – Details of future regeneration workshop on 10.6.16 with Carter Jonas was discussed.

Signed as true record

Dated