

# THE REIGATE SOCIETY

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REPORT No. 35 and 36 LDF, Core Strategy and Minutes of the  
Transport Committee meeting held on the 29th march 2012.(PART A)

**The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.** The Borough and County LDF core strategy was considered in conjunction with the agenda.

1.0 A brief review of the previous history of letters and reports submitted on the subject of the LDF was considered ,commencing with the letter dated in the year 2006.

2.0 AIRPORTS;- A report was received from the member for aviation Ref 32A and consideration given to the predicted growth of Gatwick, Heathrow, Manston ( Kent International) and the growth effect of through road and rail traffic on Reigate and Redhill.

3.0 BUS;- The present local service was discussed, The longer service routes are unsuitable for commuting workers at present.

4.0 CYCLE LANES;- The present position is considered to be unsatisfactory in that most of the routes are not safe enough to encourage use.

5.0 RAILWAYS ;- The member for Rail submitted Report Ref 32 B and indicated that trains have been lengthened to accommodate extra travellers, and that some tracks are running close to capacity.

Road Traffic delays on the A217 level crossing are reported to be increasing, and that Air pollution problems in Reigate NW are persisting.

It was reported that the Block Freight Train service to Europe was growing and that further engineering works would be necessary at Redhill.

6.0 ROADS and FOOTWAY OBSTRUCTION;- It was reported that the parking on and the obstruction of Footways was increasing together with the obstruction caused by the

increasing number of waste disposal bins left on the highway. A member had taken up the problem of A boards and other obstructions that cause concern in Reigate and Redhill. In general it was agreed that an obstructed footway was bad for retail business. Members were advised the Business Guild was aware of the problem and the matter was under discussion,

7.0 **RED HILL (RTCAAP) Traffic Option 2**;- A report and drawing was received concerning the alteration of traffic flow in Redhill. The outstanding questions are;-

I Will the Lombard Roundabout cope with the existing and future traffic growth?

II Will it be necessary to ban the right turn traffic movement at the car park sites?

III Is the scheme efficient and effective and sustainable for carbon emission ?

IV Is the scheme value for money ?

8.0 **NEW STREET LIGHTING**;- members reported that the new street lighting involving the replacement of the older 35 Wh SOX with 55 Wh Mbfu lamp was a significant improvement in street lighting.

9 **TRAFFIC in CONSERVATION AREAS** ;- The problem of the growing traffic flow in residential areas, through village conservation areas and damage caused to antiquities was considered. Various aspects of the problem were discussed see Report No. 33.1 **It was suggested that the Highway Authority use the Infrastructure levy to fund any necessary relief road works.**

10.0 **Membership**;- The membership and succession of the transport committee was discussed and a flexible approach was agreed

**NEXT MEETING**;- To be called when requested by any member.

11.0 **R&B CORE STRATEGY and Previous Reports**;- Further consideration was given to the closing date for the core strategy consultation.

The members asked the chairman arrange for the submission of an Executive Summary of **REPORTS** previously submitted to the LA.

J.M.Chittenden Chairman

**REPORT No. 36 of the Reigate Society Transport Committee**

**The EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of REPORTS for the LDF and CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION 16.04.2012.**

**THE LDF and CORE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY** ;- Further consideration was given to the closing date for the core strategy consultation bearing in mind the reports previously submitted to the Local Authorities. .

The members asked the chairman to arrange for the submission of an Executive Summary of **REPORTS** previously submitted to the LA. and that objection be made to the LDF on the grounds that there does not appear to be an effective **LOGISTIC** or **CONTINGENCY** plan for the needs of the new LEP populations

1.0 OBJECTIVE ;- To briefly review all matters directly or remotely connected with the Transport infrastructure.

2.0 PREAMBLE;- The objectives of the Climate change Act. and the actions of the Parliament Climate Change Committee are understood to involve the progressive imposition of the Carbon Tax as part of the programme for the UK and European carbon emissions reduction targets and the introduction of sustainable Infrastructure standards.

2.1 It is appreciated that if States other than the European Union do not operate to a similar tax standard objective, problems may arise because of higher UK export costs with negative pressures on growth and employment.

2.2 The objective of this Summary is to participate in the debate by providing a summary of previous Reigate Society reports that attempt to address identified expansion problems.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

REPORT No 35 Instructions of Committee, Minutes and traffic Option 2 at REDHILL

REPORT No. 34 Report on gas to oil Refineries, Fracking gas supplies, carbon tax, sustainability.

REPORT No. 33.1 Antiquities and conservation areas, adopted traffic routes and population growth.

REPORT No. 32. Response to the Redhill area action plan, including risks, affordable home standards, parking, and the transport sustainability overview.

REPORT No. 31 Horley Regeneration. Transport Access to the A23 and M23 and drainage

REPORT No 30 The Green Belt and summary of other reports

REPORT No. 28 Core consultation changes, including the Green Belt, and Transport A217

REPORT No. 27 DfT Sustainable aviation Gatwick growth and other, response.

REPORT No. 26 Objection to traffic restrictions on A25 and A23. Alternative Route plan?

REPORT No. 25 Waste disposal and Climate change.

REPORT No. 24 The Climate Change Act. Transport and related traffic problems

REPORT No 23 Traffic signals and ROUNDABOUTS advantages. Publication of reports?

REPORT No 22 . Population growth, suppression of traffic, alternative routes.

REPORT No. 20 REDHILL Marketfield, town square access to Station. letter

REPORT No 19 Responce to DMSA DPD. DfT Orbit Report etc.

REPORT No 18 Expenditure on the Suppression of traffic

REPORT No 17 Industrial Access to Redhill airport

REPORT No 16 Traffic delays at A23 cross roads at Earlswood.

REPORT No. 15 LOGISTICS Housing costs and Sample of rural commuting

REPORT No 13 Local Transport history, Questions without answers, Reigate traffic

REPORT No. 12 Transport HUB, Logistics, ORBIT and SEEDA LOMBARD Junction

- REPORT No 8 Transport, minerals, Water conservation at Reigate Heath SSSI
- REPORT No 7 An overview and summary of previous reports.
- REPORT No 6 Ports for export growth, Logistics previous and new Bypass schemes
- REPORT No 5 Conflicting Objectives, Restrictions in the A23 Brighton Road area that need to be addressed
- REPORT No 4 Recent History, road design and accidents Seeda £20m funding.
- REPORT No 3 Accidents in mixed traffic flows ie. Pedestrian, cycle, car, HGV.
- REPORT No 2 Accidents and Safety audits
- REPORT No ,1.1 An appraisal of Transport Routes and Defects in the SE with some suggestions should it be decided to proceed with Population expansion within the SE Region Districts and Highway authority areas
- REPORT No. A1 An initial reaction to the CORE proposals with unanswered questions.

The SOCIETY is willing to supply further copies of all reports upon request.

J.M.Chittenden Chairman of the Transport Committee 08. 04. 2012