

## **NPAG Amenities, Transport and Open Spaces 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 by Zoom**

### **Present:**

Andrew Mankowski, Margaret Simpson, Pat Taylor, Howard Thompson (Chair) and Janet Thompson

### **1. By Pass Update**

#### **Issues:**

ARUP is currently looking at the three proposed by pass routes. This meeting addressed the possible impact on the town, particularly in the west around Leicester Road and in the east the industrial estate on Station Road. The two possible routes to the west would have a negative impact on proposed housing development and would bring about an uncomfortable proximity of traffic and housing to residents. The eastern route is probably more difficult physically and a little longer, but would better serve existing and potential industrial development.

If there is to be a by-pass at some point in the future, then the chosen corridor will have to be preserved in the N Plan.

On balance it was felt that the eastern route, although more challenging, would deliver greater benefit for the future economy of the town and the planned development in Uppingham, St Georges and Corby.

#### **Solutions:**

A decision must be made to allow the building of new homes on the most suitable sites. The community should perhaps be consulted on this difficult issue.

The Local Enterprise Partnership should be engaged for support on the bypass related economy issues.

### **2. Leicester Road**

#### **Issues:**

There is currently a serious issue of speeding traffic entering the town via Leicester Road. With an increase in the number of homes to be built this can only deteriorate.

The Bloor development was agreed on the understanding that they would support a roundabout to deal with this.

#### **Question: Has money been put aside for this?**

This area is very popular with walkers, cyclists and dog owners.

#### **Solutions:**

It is imperative that when future development is discussed this roundabout continues to be part of the plan.

Ideally a cycle path could be developed along Leicester Road.

There are several areas where there is only footpath on side of the road. This could be much improved by extending the current provision for the whole length of the road.

### **3. Uppingham Gate/Surgery**

#### **Issues:**

Increased development, possibly with housing and leisure development, will increase the traffic leaving the area onto the A6003. There is currently congestion on this stretch of road and difficulty for traffic exiting The Firs and The Beeches.

With increased housing provision in the town there is the possibility of change to the Uppingham Surgery. This may also impact on the traffic flow.

**Solutions:**

It will be necessary to carry out surveys of traffic using this road to ascertain key times, traffic build up and congestion.

Contact could be made with the Surgery to ascertain what, if any, changes there might be in the future to both the Memorial Hospital and NHS provision.

**Question: Who would be the appropriate body to make the enquiry to the surgery?**

**4. Proposed Petrol Station – junction A47 and A6003 (Eastern side)****Issues:**

This proposal is currently at planning. There are mixed views on its acceptance, primarily from the existing petrol station and because of its green field site.

**Solutions:**

Any follow up dependent of result of planning.

**5. Public Toilets****Issues:**

The proposed public toilets in the Market Place. We are told repeatedly that refurbishment is imminent and has been for some time. It is proving difficult to source reliable information.

The toilets on Tod Piece appear to be out of use for a large percentage of time. The group understands that there are drainage issues but again it is difficult to ascertain facts.

**Solutions:**

It is necessary to understand where responsibility for these toilets lies.

**Question: Where does the group go for information?**

**6. Cycle Racks – Mercers Yard**

As outlined in earlier reports the group understands that this land belongs to Uppingham School. Also that some dialogue has been opened with the relevant person and results awaited.

**7. Allotments****Issues:**

Some allotments not looked after but currently rent is paid. There is a waiting list.

**Solutions:**

A re-think in lettings policy advised.

**Question: Is this an issue for the town council? Who is the relevant officer/councillor?**

**Next Meeting:**

To go back to original document to ensure nothing has been missed.