NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **7th January 2009** at the Tea Room - Council House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

✓	Di Banks	✓	Tom Huggon
✓	Malcolm Bescoby	✓	Nick Hynes
✓	John Boland (Chair)	✓	Diane Moore
	Don Cameron	✓	Trevor Muxlow
✓	Bill Clarke		Mary Myles
✓	Roger Codling	✓	Bill Wright
✓	Mary Collison	✓	Councillor Urquhart
✓	Angela Cooke (Vice Chair)		
✓	Councillor Grocock		

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

John Lee (Advisor)
Kevin Brown and Darren Surgey (Nottinghamshire Police)

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mary Miles, Don Cameron

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 (item 2.2) John Boland gave a big thanks to all involved in the Hucknall Road linear walkway clean up event that had been held that day and thanked the Sheriff of Nottingham (Councillor Grocock) for his interest and involvement

2.2 (item 5) Tom Huggon informed that Councillor Unczur (West Area Committee, the relevant Committee for Smedley Close) would welcome the presentation at a future meeting) **TH AND JL**

2.3 (item 8) Councillor Urquhart updated members on the closure of the Wilford (Welbeck) Suspension Bridge. The good news is that the bridge may be re-opened following minor work to make it safe with a further closure in the future for the major work planned for April/May 2009. Further updates will be given. **CU**

3 PRESENTATION BY KEVIN BROWN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE ARCHITECTURAL LIAISON OFFICER / CRIME REDUCTION MANAGER: DESIGNING OUT CRIME AND CRIME AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Kevin was joined by his colleague Darren Surgey and gave a verbal presentation covering the key principals of Secured by Design (SBD) and designing out crime within the planning process and working with the Council in collecting data for gating orders. Lots of questions were asked and a healthy discussion followed, which demonstrated the forums obvious interest in this area of work.

Councillor Grocock asked whether the Association of Chief Police Officers have considered raising the profile of SBD as it's not a new concept but doesn't seem to get the recognition. Tom Huggon asked whether the LAF could hep in raising its profile. John Lee advised that SBD was included in the new Guidance on Planning and PROW discussed at item 5 below. Dianne Moore thought the planning process needs to see the bigger picture and take account of how the application site interacts with adjoining sites and public path networks. **ALL**

4 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – REGIONAL REPORT FOR EAST MIDLANDS REGION

The assessment of the ROWIP had just been published and Nottingham received a negative outcome. Members were sent a copy of the assessment in advance of the meeting. Discussion followed and a consensus emerged that a sub group should consider the assessment against the ROWIP and respond formally to natural England and the Access Company setting out the involvement of the LAF during its preparation and how the evaluation is being progressed at each meeting of the LAF. **ALL**

5 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PROGRESS ON POLICY ROWIP 2 'GUIDE TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE CHANGE'

John Lee distributed a Draft copy of the guidance and asked for comments within 3 weeks. Councillor Grocock asked that a copy be sent to Councillor Clark in his capacity as Executive Member for Neighbourhood Regeneration and as a member of the Development Control Committee. **JL and ALL**

6 UPDATE ON PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN NOTTINGHAM

John Lee advised that a number of Modification Orders for Hempshill Hall, Woodyard Lane, Blenheim Lane, Stockhill Circus have been made and all but Stockhill Circus have been confirmed as made and added to the definitive map and statement. Stockhill lane to follow shortly.

7 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE BY LAF MEMBERS INVESTIGATING EVIDENCE FOR MODIFICATION ORDERS

Members who are involved in this work had no updates so this item was deferred to the next meeting.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dianne Moore asked for information on Lone Working which is relevant to

members work on the modification orders (item 7 above). Consensus emerged that if in doubt do not work alone.

John Lee asked whether members would benefit from a presentation by the Council's Geographical Information team which would cover their work on digitally mapping all known public routes which would help with travel planning and accessibility planning. Members thought this would be of benefit. **JL**

John Lee advised of the recent Urban Design Guide for the City centre which is currently at consultation stage. There is a chapter on Alleyways which the members may wish to respond to. This can be viewed in full at http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/cd-pl-design-guide-low-res.pdf JL

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th April 2009

***Please also note the future dates for 2009:**

Wednesday 8th July 2009 and Wednesday 7th October 2009 @ 6.30 – 8.30 in the Tea Room Council House