

CHEADLE TOWNS FUND BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date	5 th November 2021 at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Labour Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Lib Dem Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Sharon Seville - President, GM Chamber (Stockport) Caroline Simpson - Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM <i>Observers / Presenters</i> Jesse Garrick - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG (advisor role) David Hodcroft - GMCA Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration Manager, SMBC Jamie Carruthers - Head of Capital Programme, SMBC	
Apologies	Marge Falconer - former Executive Director, Circle Health, Alexandra Hospital Rosie Jenkins - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG (advisor role) Simon Jenkins - GMCA	
Item		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	VM chaired the meeting, apologies received as above CS introduced the agenda Key actions from the last meeting are covered in the items below	Noted
2A.	Project Business Case Updates: Station, Simon Elliott, TfGM	
	SE – outlined progress on the Station and the business case: The planning application drawings and documents are currently being drafted, further engagement with stakeholders and SMBC planning is required	Noted

	• The RailSys timetable modelling methodology has now been agreed with Network Rail and so this work is currently progressing • A meeting has been held with Network Rail Track & Signalling team to allow input into the design process • Traffic surveys are progressing • Further ecological assessments and tree surveys are ongoing • Land agreement with BMI Circle Health progressing, along with replacement parking options VM – asked how the consultation was progressing and whether there were any issues with the Railsys work JC – replied that there were some 400 responses for far from the consultation. SE - replied that there were potential solutions to any remaining line capacity issues.	
2B.	Project Business Case Updates: Active Travel, Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC outlined the strategic north / south route and through link the proposed station, including: • A new signalised crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Manchester Road and a new footway/cycleway to provide a link into the Station from Newlands Road • Installation of a segregated signalised crossing for pedestrians and cyclists to Oak Road • A signed, on-carriageway cycle route, from Oak Road to Brookfield Park with improvements to the existing bridge and footpaths within Brookfield Park • A shared footway/cycleway on the western side of Shiers Drive and a new signalised crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Cheadle Road between the Shiers Road junction and Bruntwood Lane. A new shared footway/cycleway to Bruntwood Lane. JC – confirmed that the design proposals will form part of the public consultation exercise later this month. The Board noted progress.	Noted
2C.	Public Consultation (Station and Active Travel), Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC – outlined the current public consultation arrangements for the Station and Cycling & Walking projects. This included:	Noted

	- Public consultation end 7th November - Extensive leaflet drop, supplemented by letters to residents fronting the cycle / walking way and awareness raising through stakeholders, on-street signage, posters, social media, press. - Hosted on the Council website with full details of the project, - www.stockport.gov.uk/consultations - Two drop-ins arranged: Sat 23rd Oct, 10am-12noon, Cheadle Library (Ashfield Road, SK8 1BB) – 25 attendees Thurs 4th Nov, 2.30-6.30pm, Cheadle Village Hall (1 Brook Road, SK8 1PQ) - Makers Market (shared stall) 13th Nov. 2021 JC summarised the responses to date: Just over 400 responses so far of which: - Approx. 90% who answered agree or strongly agree with the rail station proposal - Over 75% who answered agree or strongly agree with the general principles of the package of walking and cycling measures. Comments also received from drop in sessions so far include: - Queens Gardens – some residents wanted further information on the proposals, so a specific meeting is being arranged. The main concern was more people walking through could create anti-social behaviour. - Station – some have questioned whether it is needed due to more people working from home and one train an hour did not seem enough. Others very supportive. - Replacement car parking for hospital – many trees around the hospital have TPOs and some local residents have expressed concern if they are lost - Shared use paths and footways – some felt dangerous. Next steps are to report the full findings to the Cheadle Area Committee on 30th Nov 2021 VM – remarked that there seemed to be good public support so far for the projects JC – confirmed that there would be a further opportunity for public consultation with the station planning application next year CS – said that the design of the replacement car parking for the Station would look carefully at how to avoid / minimise any	Action: JC
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	impact on the trees in the vicinity and report this back to the Board TM & MR – agreed. JC observed that the car parking was still in early design stage and this would take some time to finalise.	
2D	Project Business Case Updates: Eco Business Park, Robert Goulsbra, SMBC	
	RG – outlined the current feasibility work being undertaken and the design concept: • Initial needs assessment of current occupiers complete • Design team assessing options on extent of potential new build and retention • Architect to be formally appointed soon to undertake stage 2&3 design work (from Nov. 21 to Jan. 22) • Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Site surveys start 5th Nov. 21 • Ecological Assessment starts 9th Nov. 21 • Asbestos, topographical and tree surveys to start later in Nov. 21 The Board noted progress.	Noted
3.	Accelerated Fund Project Update, Michael Fisher, SMBC	
	MSF – provided a progress summary of the Accelerated Fund projects which had not yet completed. <u>Parklet</u> Almost complete, planting in place, sign and skirting to be added <u>Learn to Ride</u> – in progress <u>Ashfield Road Active Travel</u> currently on site 50% complete, revised design to account for Japanese Knotweed, asbestos has been found and now removed, revised programme to be agreed. <u>Councillor Lane</u> New cycle stands, seats and notice board installed, disabled bay re-lined. Traffic count now complete. <u>School Streets pilot</u> – start date to be confirmed as now part of a wider TfGM pilot <u>Digital Information Point</u> – application for advert consent submitted, management arrangements being agreed with CVP. SS – mentioned whether the One Stockport Local Fund could be an option for the DIP	Noted

	VM – requested that the community are kept to date RM - mentioned that this would be done via the CVP	Action: RM
4.	Looking Forwards, Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS summarised the next steps as: • Public consultation on the Station and Active Travel completes 8th Nov. 21 • Findings to be reported to Cheadle Area Committee and Town Board • Continue to develop business cases feeding in consultation findings to inform design • Formally appoint architects and design specialists for the Eco Business Park	Action: MSF & project leads
	Next Towns Fund Board meeting is arranged for <u>Friday 3^d December 2021 at 3.30pm</u> via MS Teams.	

Abbreviations:

AF – Accelerated Fund (Towns Fund)
 BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BEIS – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
 CVP – Cheadle Village Partnership
 DIP – Digital Information Point
 DJP – Diamond Jubilee Park
 DfT – Department for Transport
 FBC – Full Business Case
 Green Book – a five point business case tool used by Government
 HMT – Her Majesties Treasury
 HoT – Heads of Terms
 LEP – Local Economic Partnership
 DLUHC – Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly MHCLG)
 MCL – Mid Cheshire Line (railway)
 M&E Plan – Monitoring & Evaluation Plan
 NR – Network Rail
 NSF – New Station Fund (Round 3)
 S / OBC – Strategic / Outline Business Case
 PF – Pell Frischmann
 RYR – Restoring Your Railway (Ideas Fund)
 SMBC – Stockport Metropolitan Council
 SOBC – Strategic Outline Business Case
 SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
 SuDS – Sustainable Drainage System
 TfGM – Transport for Greater Manchester
 TIP – Town Investment Plan
 ToR – Terms of Reference

TPO – Tree Preservation Order