

The Moseley Meeting
Wednesday 14 November 2018
At Queensbridge School, Queensbridge Road B13 8QB
At 6.30pm

Present – Councillors Martin Straker-Welds & Kerry Jenkins (Chair)

John Myatt, Transportation

Garry Dalton, Local Engineer

Gavin Smith, West Midlands Rail Executive

Jo Rogers, SLC Property

Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager

There were 70+ local residents also in attendance

1. Notice of Recording – Noted

2. Highway: Local Budget Priorities

Garry Dalton highlighted the local budget of £13,000 and that working with the councillors and based on residents suggestions the following proposals had been put forward;

- a) Moor Green Lane Pedestrian Refuge
- b) Thirlmere Drive – no through road sign
- c) Yardley Wood Road (by Moseley Bog) – no parking on grass verge signs and grass protection

Any funds left could be used to put in bollards or for other small projects

Residents made the following comments;

- Thanks extended for the extension of the double yellow lines on Reddings Lane that had benefitted the school and local residents. Copy of Traffic & Transportation Plan document produced by Moseley Regeneration Group to be sent to Garry Dalton.
- Swanshurst Lane, vehicle activation sign out of order – **Garry Dalton to refer to appropriate officer.**
- Moorcroft Road – part of double yellow lines not put down due to parked cars, **completion requested**
- Pool Meadow Close – cars parking on corners causing restricted vision for drivers and creating a serious risk to safety of local school children. Urgent request for action. Meeting advised this had been included in the Safer Routes to School budget – **Garry Dalton to pursue and seek action during this financial year.**
- A South Birmingham Traffic Study requested
- Progress on School Road traffic proposals queried – Cllr Jenkins advised that a ward wide consultation event was proposed for January regarding road closures. She stressed no decision had yet been made as further consultation was needed. It would be an experimental closure starting around April for 6 months. **Action: Item to be included on next meeting agenda.**

Action: The proposals for the spend of the local highway budget set out above be agreed.

3. The Re-Opening of Moseley & other Train Stations

Gavin Smith provided the following information & responded to residents questions:-

- WMRE was overseeing the re-opening of the Camphill line including stations at Hazelwell, Kings Heath & Moseley
- Station designs displayed & feedback on design sought. Plan of Moseley station shown to meeting
- Feedback was being sought from public meetings, drop in events and consultations
- Hoping to submit planning applications by end 2020 to start on site 2021 with stations open for business December 2021
- Moseley Station would have access from Woodbridge Road & St Mary's Row. Lifts would be incorporated to ensure fully accessible. More detailed plans available at drop in sessions.
- Stations not designed as park & ride. There would be no parking spaces. The stations were to fill the gap on the south of the City and it was envisaged that people would walk to these stations rather than drive to alternative stations further afield.
- As part of the planning application a transport assessment would be undertaken and should parking issues be flagged there would be mitigation. Cyclists groups were also encouraged to attend the drop-in sessions to have input into the design of stations.
- Rail network was at saturation so ongoing work with Network Rail to ensure new train service was compatible with the cross city line. Currently anticipating 2 trains an hour to Birmingham and Kings Norton. Trains would be new model diesel. The importance of local economies was recognised and so it was hoped to have a service that provided for all aspects of the community.
- Midlands Rail Hub looking to transform Moor Street Station to cope with trains from the east and from the Camp Hill Line but timescale for that work was 2030.

Residents then made the following comments;

- Input into design was welcomed eg art, garden etc to reflect the local community and it was requested that the Tolkein Society be consulted
- Design to encourage cyclists was welcomed. It was requested that the lifts be of adequate size to accommodate a bike horizontally
- Moseley Forum referred to plans drawn up for road layout including for taxis around the station location. John Myatt advised he was aware of the work being undertaken and asked that the plans be sent to him to be considered in conjunction with the station planning
- Balsall Heath Station – concern expressed regarding future plans and influence on Neighbourhood Plan and regeneration of the area. Gavin advised that he was looking at a topographic survey and how trains could be time tabled, factoring in Balsall Heath but there were no plans for Balsall Heath Station currently and no funding available.
- Moseley was trying to develop a day time economy so therefore traffic into the area as well as out of the area was important.
- Could the opening of the stations be fast tracked to coincide with the implementation of the CAZ?
- With regard to accessibility – would the platforms be flat to enable wheelchair users access direct to the trains? If the stations were unmanned who would be able to offer assistance? Meeting advised that the design team was working in conjunction with disability user groups.

The meeting was advised of further consultation events on 21, 22 and 29 November and 6 December. Details could be sent electronically to any groups/organisation wishing to circulate details to their members. Contact details to be given to Jo Rogers at conclusion of the meeting.

Further presentation would be made to the Brandwood & Kings Heath ward meeting on 20 November.

Date of Next Moseley Meeting – 5 December, 6.30pm at The Moseley Exchange

Meeting ended at 8.15pm