

**Notes of 16 Dec 2014 meeting to discuss progressing proposals for a new cycle-pedestrian bridge over the Trent in the Trent Basin - The Hook (Ladybay) area, held at the River Suite, River Crescent, Nottingham**

**Present:**

Hugh McClintock, Pedals, and Chair, Nottingham Local Access Forum (HMCC)  
Nick Ebbs, Blueprint Regeneration / Igloo (NE)  
John Rhodes, Trent Park Developments (Riverside Crescent), Nottingham Civic Society, and Pedals (JR)  
Keith Morgan, Nottingham City Council (Transport Strategy) (KM)  
Cllr. David Mellen, Nottingham City Council (DM)  
Mike Taylor, CEO, Nottingham Regeneration Ltd. (MT)  
Diane Moore, Community Landscape Architect (DMo)  
Lawrence Geary, Lady Bay Community Association (LG)  
Heidi Pawlus, River Crescent Resident's Association.  
Jeff Davis, River Crescent Resident's Association  
Bill Dixon, River Crescent Resident's Association  
John Barnwell, River Crescent Resident's Association.  
Alan Morris, River Crescent Resident's Association

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

Tom Huggon, Nottingham Civic Society and Nottm Local Access Forum, etc. (TH)  
Gwyneth McMinn, Network Development Manager (East Midlands), Sustrans (GM)  
Cllr. Steve Calvert, West Bridgford Central and South Division, and Vice-Chair, Transport and Highways, Nottinghamshire County Council (SC)  
Helen Ross, Public Health Manager, Nottingham City Council (HR)

**Introduction: NE, HMCC and JR**

NE and HMCC started with a Powerpoint presentation on the background to the scheme, its links to the wider Waterside Regeneration Project and the wider context of which it would form an important part, on both sides of the Trent.

They also reported on the most important developments since our last meeting, on 28 August, including the great interest shown at the public meeting in Lady Bay on 22 August, the fact that nearly 20 local organisations had now pledged support in principle for the bridge, and the encouraging soundings which Tom Huggon had made about possible support from the Bridge Estate.

**Points in questions and discussion included:-**

- Details of wheelchair access
- Design of the bridge and the probable cost of different designs for the 80m span of the Trent required
- The need, emphasised by Cllr. David Mellen, for such a bridge to help strengthen north-south links to and from Sneinton, not just across the river, and also to help improve access to the river for people in the Sneinton area.
- Funding including further possible s106 funding support, from the Park Yacht Club development and the proposed major housing in the West Bridgford-Gamston-Tollerton area.

- The likely attitude to the Bridge of the Canal and Rivers Trust including their new wish to demand a percentage of the 'uplift in value' from such projects. MT recommended that we need soon to clarify this.
- The need for a PR strategy to help attract wider support for the bridge.
- The need for high profile champions such as Sir Paul Smith, or leading local politicians including Cllr. Jon Collins, and Cllr. Nick McDonald.
- The need for a feasibility study; Sustrans to be approached about taking the lead on this, in close cooperation with all other interested parties and how the existing and potential connections, for both leisure and use. HMcC agreed to approach GM at Sustrans.
- The need to make clearer why this was the preferred site and not other options such as further east or west (Lady Bay bridge), as had been suggested at various times.
- The need to consider further other possible sources of funding including special sponsored bike ride, perhaps organised in cooperation Perfect Motion, who now organise the Great Notts Bike Ride and Cycle Live Weekend Festival of Cycling, and who are one of the local organisations who have already agreed in principle to support the bridge proposal
- The need to continue to encourage local support, including a local meeting in Sneinton, suggested by Cllr. David Mellen. NE, JR and HMcC said they would indeed be very happy to do this.
- HMcC gave an update on the impressive number of groups who have already agreed in principle to support the bridge, i.e.:-
- Nottingham Civic Society (Alan Bates, Chair and John Rhodes, Trustee)
- Nottingham Local Access Forum (Chair: Hugh McClintock)
- Nottinghamshire County Local Access Forum: Chair: Mary Mills
- Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Society (David Brown, Secretary)
- Rushcliffe Ramblers (Martin Smith, Rights of Way coordinator)
- Ramblers' Association (Notts): Chris Thompson
- CTC Notts DA: (Terry Scott, Secretary)
- Perfect Motion Consultancy, Beeston: (Chris Simon, Director),
- West Bridgford U3A (University of the Third Age) Cycling Group (Pete Elderton: Convenor)
- Keyworth & District U3A (Roy Turnbull : Group Leader for the Walking & Cycling Groups)
- Nottingham Friends of the Earth (Nigel Lee)
- Nottinghamshire CBT (Campaign for Better Transport): Dave Thornhill (Chair)
- Sneinton Bikers (Tom Hughes)
- Sneinton Alchemy Community Interest Company (Tom Hughes, Director)
- Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum (tbc by Tom Hughes)
- River Crescent Resident's Association (John Rhodes)
- Nottingham Clarion Cycling Club (Paul Harwood, Club Contact)

- Pedals (via Hugh McClintock)
- Holme Pierrepont Running Club (Peter Savage, Chairman)

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