



## TGS School Action Group

Meeting 1 Wed 6th November 2019 11:10-12:10 Arnold Meeting Room

- Welcome
- Apologies for absence *Cllr. Garry Bridge, John Coupe*
- Representation

*Deakin Leas: Kay Topliss*

*Taylor Close: vacancy*

*Hilltop: vacancy*

*The Drive: John Flitton*

*Governor: Suzy Hughes(school)*

*Development: Pippa Blackstone (school)*

*Chair: Jeremy Kenyon (school)*

*Councillor(s): Frani Hoskins*

- Terms of Reference – to be tabled.

*The Travel Action Group comprises representatives from our neighbouring roads, school staff, parents, governors, the local Police and Councillors that review progress and actions on the School Travel Plan. They meet three times a year.*

The Chair informed the Committee that the TOR's had been reviewed and were still considered fit for purpose. However, two minor changes had been made to reflect the new Chair and the Head Teacher's attendance as representative of the School Strategy Group. The Chair circulated copies of the amended TOR's to attendees. The Group approved the revised Terms of Reference.

- Dates of future meetings:

- **Wednesday 6th.November 2019 Meeting 1**
- **Thursday 6th February 2020 12:10-13:10 Meeting 2**
- **Thursday 14th May 2020 12:10-13:10 Meeting 3**

- Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and posted onto the website: The Chair asked for the Group's feedback and the minutes were approved.

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- Progress and priorities (JKE)

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- Travel Plan Survey - on target or ahead on 5 elements. Increased use of bus / increased use of train / increased staff car share / increased student car share / decrease in staff car usage.

However 6 elements we are still behind target: Student walking / student cycling / staff walking / staff cycling / single use student car journeys and increase staff public transport.

Need to understand more about the reasons for this and what are the potential blockers. New year group and new staff joined in Sep. Comms to parents/ potential survey to collate data and review, prior to seeing if there are ways we can better promote these options.

During discussions it was noted by members that there were some inconsistencies in both the data and how it had been presented in the “Travel Plan Targets” document. The Chair will review the document and amend where necessary.

The Chair commented that the target deadlines were a recommendation from KCC, but did not take into account factors relating to individual schools – such as specific locations, availability, affordability, consistency and efficiency of public transport networks and current or long-term traffic issues specific to the schools’ catchment area. Because of this, it is likely that some of the stretch targets set will never be attainable.

The Head Teacher commented that while this was acknowledged by the Group, it would be useful to have a more detailed explanation of how KCC had arrived at their recommendations.

- Review of school events and out of hours use (Chair)

**Open Events.**

**Yr 12** Open Event Deakin leas was busy with lots of car use, resulting in congestion for a short period of time. Lessons learnt for Yr 6 Open Events.

**Yr 6** Open Event– split between 2 x Open Mornings and one Open Evening.

Shuttle service widely used, more prescriptive wording on invites and website - new measures introduced, extra staff positions, (bottom of DL and Pembury Rd.) positive feedback from residents. High proportion of attendees did either walk or use the Shuttle Bus service the School had provided.



MYP Learning Evening – Wed 16th Oct. – a resident had driveway blocked. The School had subsequently contacted the resident and provided an emergency contact number should this ever happen again.

- Looking ahead (all). (JKE)

Yr 7-9 MYP Evening 6-8pm On-site Parking

Yr 13 Consultations Thu 14th Nov on-site parking

6th Form Wellbeing 6-8pm Thu 28th Nov On-site parking

Yr 10 Consultation Evenings (half Yr Groups Thu 5th & Wed. 11th Dec.) On-site parking

Yr 8 Malawi Fundraising Ball – drop off's and pick ups only on-site at 21:00hrs.

Winter Fair Sun 8th Dec. – all invited. No on-site Parking.

Prizegiving – Mon 16th Dec. Parking on-site

**The next residents' meeting will be on 12th. December.**

- AOB (usually to be notified in advance)

**Speedwatch in Deakin Leas.** Cllr Hoskins had proposed whether initiating a Speedwatch scheme on Deakin Leas had merit and if so, was this something that the School could support – possibly with student participation.

The Head Teacher responded that while in principle the School would support this, it was not something that students would be able to participate in due to potential for conflict and the risk of injury from speeding vehicles.

**Tunbridge Wells Draft Local Plan.** (Paddock Wood, Capel and Tudeley proposed developments.) The Chair provided the meeting with an update from discussions at the recent West Kent Travel Forum he had attended. (The West Kent Travel Forum is attended by other local Schools, KCC Council Members from Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, and bus companies who provide school services.)

Discussion around the impact of new housing and new school on the transport infrastructure in Tonbridge ensued. It was acknowledged there are already serious capacity issues in terms of parking buses and congestion on the roads.

One of the TGS Governors is a local Ward Councillor and also sits on the Area Planning Committee and the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board for TMBC. His recommendation was for local schools to put in representation for consultation to raise serious concerns about the proposals. The Chair shared this recommendation with other school representatives at the Forum.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their continued support and meeting closed at 12:15hrs.