

MINUTES of a meeting of the **D2N2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT BOARD** held on 14 November 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (Derbyshire CC)
(in the Chair)

Councillors D Collins (Derbyshire CC), W J Clarke (Gedling BC), D Meale (Nottinghamshire CC) and M Rawson (Derby CC) and P Richardson (D2N2 LEP).

Also in Attendance – M Ashworth (Derbyshire CC), S Birkinshaw (Erewash BC), C Carter (Nottingham City), C Cooper-Smith (Ashfield DC), T Goshawk (D2N2 LEP), C Henning (Nottingham City), P Handford (Derbyshire CC), D Ralph (D2N2 LEP), J Seymour (Derbyshire CC), K Sharman (Nottinghamshire CC), S Wainwright (Derbyshire CC) and V Wheelwright (BEIS).

Promoters – C Chatfield, S Wynne, T Bathurst and M Roylance (Drakelow Park), C Henning (Bulwell Market and Dakeyne Street), C Carter (EZ Sustainable Transport Programme), D Callaghan, J Betley and J van de Laschott (Nottingham Skills Hub).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of R Banwait (Derby CC), J Collins (Nottingham CC), C Corbett (Erewash BC), D Davis (Ashfield DC), P Gadsby (D2N2 LEP), K Greaves (Nottinghamshire CC), N McDonald (Nottingham City Council) and A Syrett (Bolsover DC), .

Declarations of interest - The following declarations of a personal interest were made:–

By Councillor A Western in respect of the Drakelow Park item.
By D Ralph in respect of the EZ Sustainable Transport Programme item.

68/16 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the IIB held on 27 October 2016.

69/16 **LOCAL GROWTH FUND 1 AND 2 – PROJECT UPDATES INCLUDING HIGH RISK PROJECTS** An update was presented on all projects in the LGF programme. There were projects that were deemed to be high risk and an update was given on their status.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report; and

(2) that the A61 Corridor project be reported to the December meeting of the Board for consideration.

70/16 DRAKELOW PARK Located in South Derbyshire, the Drakelow site lay to the South of Burton on Trent and close to a major highway connection (A38). It was one of the largest brownfield sites in the region. Currently Drakelow Developments Ltd is developing Drakelow Park to create a mixed use sustainable urban site.

In 2014 the first house builder was granted planning permission for the construction of 99 houses, to continue to build beyond this was on the condition that a bypass is built to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic through Walton on Trent. The housing limit has subsequently been increased which now allowed 400 houses to be built before the condition of the bridge/road. The existing bridge over the River Trent at Walton on Trent was a single track and restricted to light vehicles. The bypass would directly link the site to the A38 at the Barton Turns junction. This would also enhance the accessibility of Swadlincote from the west, improve east-west connectivity and promote the development of other sites in South Derbyshire.

The bypass project was a combination of road access (1.4km) and a bridge as well as the associated works which comprise hard and soft landscaping, service media and street furniture. The cost of the bypass project was £13,959,500 and LGF funding of £2.2m was sought.

The funding towards the Walton Bypass from Drakelow Developments Limited would be sourced via a commercial loan and discussions were ongoing with Derbyshire County Council to reach an agreement on this.

RESOLVED to approve the grant award in principle subject to satisfactory negotiation of the loan and to receive a report on the outcome of these negotiations at the December meeting of the Board, with a requirement that the agreement be concluded by 23 December 2016.

71/16 BULWELL MARKET The current state of Bulwell Market was one of disrepair which was deemed by many as unattractive and inaccessible. This reputation was leading to a decrease in footfall and the total number of market stalls in the area. Therefore action was being taken to improve the physical landscape of the market area and environs. The project will cost £300,000 and is funded £100,000 from the LGF and £200,000 by Nottingham City Council.

RESOLVED to approve the project and release the funding on the condition that the Regeneris report confirms this project represents good value for money.

72/16 DAKEYNE STREET

The project was made up of two components, completion of units at Dakeyne Street and the renovation of 58 Carlton Road. The first element was to complete the fit out of an old factory unit on Dakeyne St, now called Space 2. The smaller areas in the spaces had been renovated to a shell and core fit out standard using funding from ERDF. The market had shown potential tenants for the smaller spaces could not afford to fit out the premises to a usable standard so there had been little or no demand for this space. The investment from LGF would complete the fit out to a full usable standard and stimulate demand in the space creating new jobs and attracting new businesses.

The second element was to renovate the building at 58 Carlton Road which was adjacent to the Space 2 building. This property required a full internal renovation and, once complete, it would provide accommodation for creative businesses

The total cost of the project was £360,000 which was funded by:

D2N2 LGF £180,000

Nottingham City Council £180,000

RESOLVED (1) to approve the project and release the funding on the condition that the Regeneris report confirms this project represents good value for money; and

(2) to note that the outputs from Dakeyne Street can be counted towards LGF job figures.

73/16 ENTERPRISE ZONE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

The project was seeking £6.0 million to provide sustainable transport access to the Nottingham Enterprise Zone Boots Campus and access from this campus to the other Enterprise Zone sites. The funding would provide a walking and cycling bridge connecting three Enterprise Zone site (Boots Campus, Nottingham Science Park and Medi-Park; and Highway improvements to connect the Enterprise Zone to the existing sustainable transport network.

The capital cost of the project is £9.1m and was funded as follows:

LGF £6.0m

Local Authority Contribution/Growing Places £2.1m

Section 106 Walgreens Alliance Boots £1.0m

RESOLVED (1) to approve the project and release this year's funding of £796,500 for phase 1; any future years funding to only be released once

evidence of the outstanding requirements to satisfy Stage 2 of the LAF is provided; and

(2) that the promoters and site owners be invited to make a fuller presentation to a future meeting when they are able to provide details of the time-line for the full development of the site.

74/16 NOTTINGHAM SKILLS HUB The Skills Hub project had been highlighted as High Risk and was asked to report to this meeting following a funding decision from the Skills Funding Agency's Transactional Unit at the end of October.

The two colleges involved had now produced a report which had been circulated to Members setting out information on the business case, the project's scope, funding and project programme.

A sum of £3.79m had been allocated to the project in 2016-17 of which £70,347 had been spent following an agreement to release up to £0.2m was given in October 2016. The Colleges were requesting an allocation of £0.8m for the financial year 2016-17 causing an underspend of £2.99m with no opportunity to accelerate funding into any other projects to allocate this underspend.

The Chair of the LEP invited the promoter to attend the LEP Board to present more detailed information on the proposal.

RESOLVED (1) that £0.8m be approved as pre-compliance grant for this project subject to 100% clawback and the promoter being required to provide a breakdown of costs for this funding;

(2) to only release next year's funding of £5.25m subject to 100% clawback once evidence has been provided of a fully costed out project plan and with a full stage 2 compliant business case being submitted by March 2018; and

(3) that regular updates on progress be presented to the Board.

75/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for 15 December 2016 at 10.00am.