**Notes of the EDF Relevant Representations meeting held with EDF virtually on**

**Thursday 11th March 2021 at 4:15pm via Zoom**

**Present**: Cllr Ivor French, WMPC, Cllr Sonya Exton, WMPC

 Cllr Dick Jenkinson, WMPC

 Stephen Henry, EDF Carly Vince, EDF

 Richard Bull, EDF

**In attendance:** Joanne Peters, Clerk to Wickham Market Parish Council

**1, Welcome and introductions**

Stephen Henry, EDF welcomed Councillors present to the meeting.

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Tom McGarry, EDF who was unwell.

**3. DCO Process and Current timeline**

Stephen Henry provided details regarding the current timeline and confirmed the DCO had been submitted and accepted and they were now heading towards Examination and Preliminary Meetings.

**4. Discussion of matters arising from Council’s Relevant Representations and response to Change Consultation**

Stephen Henry explained the purpose of the meeting was to run through the Council’s Relevant Representation made and look to address any issues, as necessary.

Carly Vince reported the Rule of 6 letter sets out the draft programme and advised following the examination stage it goes to the Planning Inspectorate and EDF are expecting a final decision around April 2022. She offered to answer any questions regarding the Preliminary Meeting process.

Stephen Henry advised EDF had been though the Council’s Relevant Representation and had picked out the following matters:-

1. **Southern Park & Ride Site** – Relating to noise, pollution and traffic vibration.

Richard Bull reported their Environmental Statement had covered these points and explained that lighting and pollution had been carefully considered by EDF and they were paying particular attention to these within their assessments. **Action – EDF to send out relevant Environmental Assessments.**

Cllr Exton raised concerns and asked if the lighting would be on permanently?

Cllr French noted that low level lighting would be used but raised concerns about high level lighting being used in case of an emergency. Richard Bull provided clarification. **Action – EDF to send Lighting Assessment.**

Cllr Exton asked for an explanation of LUX and the proposed levels to be used. Carly Vince explained that EDF were in the process of liaising with SCC regarding concerns relating to lighting.

1. **Cycle and Pedestrian routes**

Richard Bull, EDF confirmed they were trying to address this issue and confirmed specific links to the Southern P & R site needed to be captured within the s.106 agreement including links also to Marlseford and he ensured all present this matter had not been forgotten.

1. **Impact on Slip Road from Fiveways roundabout to the A12**

Cllr Jenkinson stated the slip road needed to be clearly sign posted. Richard Bull confirmed this matter would be addressed. **Action – EDF to confirm signage in this area**.

 Richard Bull, EDF confirmed there would be a managed flow of traffic during shift

 changeovers. Cllr Jenkinson asked would vehicles be checked when entering the P & R

 site?. Richard Bull, EDF confirmed workers would be provided with a permit and there

 would be a facility for anyone who accidently turned onto the site to turn around and exit

 safely. Cllr Jenkinson suggested EDF could track vehicles using the site by ANPR and

 Cllr French raised concerns that issues may arise with traffic backing on the slip road as a

 result of drivers looking for their permits.

1. **Landscape at Southern P & R Site**

Richard Bull confirmed a zone of influence had been identified and within that zone they would look at relevant receptor groups. He confirmed the assessments had been concluded and matters relating to visual impact had been identified. He explained this land was not EDF land. Richard Bull confirmed the treeline to the slip road would be retained. Cllr Exton asked if a wildlife zone could be created to welcome back wildlife during the construction period which EDF had confirmed would be around 12 years.

1. **To look at the provision of car parks further South i.e. Martlesham P & R site**

Richard Bull confirmed EDF had settled on the proposals for the proposed P & R site. He advised EDF would be running a direct bus service from Ipswich and the Martlesham P & R site may be used as a pick-up point as part of that service to be provided. He confirmed that EDF were still in discussions with SCC regarding this matter.

1. **Electronic Tracking for HGV’s**

Cllr Exton asked was EDF going to use ANPR to track HGV’s or is the electronic tracking only to be used on vehicles over a certain size. Richard Bull confirmed during the full construction period all vehicles over 3.5 tonnes would be tracked via a GPS system when travelling to and from the site. He advised that workers would be encouraged to take the most direct route to the site and signage to this effect would be provided. Richard Bull confirmed that a zero-tolerance policy would be in place for all drivers and this would need to be adhered to. Cllr Jenkinson suggested contracts of employments could include details relating to the fact all drivers must take the most direct route to the site. Richard Bull advised this was not a contractual obligation, but all staff would receive a Code of Conduct document.

Cllr Exton asked would EDF be choosing the GPS provider and route? Richard Bull confirmed that EDF would be choosing the GPS provider and deciding the route.

Stephen Henry confirmed all other matters relating to traffic and transport were being covered within the separate Traffic & Transport meetings. He advised a question had been asked as why it had taken EDF so long to respond to some of the concerns raised in the Relevant Representations and Richard Bull provided clarification on the following:-

* Statistics in respect of sea routes
* Materials by road being reduced by 40%
* Rail deliveries would be made using longer trains – Cllr French asked questions to which were referred to by Stephen Henry as being very blunt regarding additional freight movements and Richard Bull reminded WMPC these suggested changes had not yet been approved by PINS
* Richard Bull confirmed that EDF were liaising with Network Rail regarding several more overnight trains and confirmed an assessment and mitigation plan was being put in place for residents impacted. He also confirmed EDF were looking at ways to improve the East Suffolk Line. Cllr French recommended reducing the speed of trains to reduce noise impact. **Action – EDF to provide link to Freight Management Strategy.**
* Damage to ecological environment via proposed sea route **– Action – EDF to send link to relevant assessments.**
* Richard Bull confirmed the field maple tree on the B1119 would be retained.

Cllr Jenkinson asked what actions EDF had in place if the Orwell Bridge was closed. Richard Bull confirmed this matter was being worked on and once assessments had been completed these could be shared. He confirmed if the Orwell Bridge were to be closed there would be a policy in place with diversion routes and no HGV vehicles would be permitted to travel North of Ipswich or on the B1078. Richard Bull advised no traffic would be diverted though rural routes and all this would be included within their Traffic Incident Management Plan which was still being finalised.

Cllr Jenkinson suggested HGV vehicles weight limit could be reduced to 2 tonnes. Cllr Exton asked would there be any mitigation options for Broad Rd – Richard Bull confirmed this matter would be addressed at the Traffic & Transport meetings being held. He also confirmed EDF were liaising with Steve Merry at SC Highways in respect of speed limits West on the B1078.

Cllr Jenkinson asked about Community Gain. Carly Vince confirmed that EDF were working with SCC and ESC in respect of this matter and there would be an allocation of funds which would be able to be drawn on and these matters would be included within the next version of the s.106 agreement.

**5) Any other business**

There was none.

**6) Review actions and agree next steps (if required)**

The following actions were agreed:-

* EDF to send relevant links regarding the Southern P & R Site in respect of Environmental Impact and Noise, Vibration and Lighting.
* EDF to provide explanation of LUX levels to be used.
* EDF to provide details regarding signage to be used at Fiveways roundabout.
* EDF to look into providing wildlife friendly areas at the P & R site
* EDF to report back on outcome if the bus from Ipswich will pick up workers from the Martlesham P & R site.
* EDF to send Freight Management Strategy
* EDF to send Marine Landing Facility Impact Assessment
* EDF to send Traffic Incident Management Plan once finalised
* EDF to look into reducing the weight of HGV’s
* EDF to report back on traffic mitigation options for Broad Road
* EDF to send s.106 Community Fund details once available

**The meeting ended at 5:50pm**