

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

**TRANSPORT FORUM**

**MINUTES** of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr C Butchins (Transport Forum Chairman - EBTC)  
Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)  
Cllr A Plancey (Hertfordshire County Council)  
D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)  
S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses)  
L Heyman (GTR)  
J Wing (Hertfordshire County Council Buses)  
J Cartledge (Resident)  
S Alford (EBRA)  
B Redman (Elstree Screen Heritage)  
A de Swarte (Resident)  
T Malton (Deputy Town Clerk)

[Only those residents wishing their names to be included in the Minutes are recorded above.]

**31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr V Eni (EBTC), Cllr G Silver (EBTC), Cllr S Brown (HBC) and PC J Hainsworth.

**32. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

**33. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 21 February 2018 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### **34. BUS SERVICES IN ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD**

S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses) reported that the 292 would have time table changes in place by December 2018, although there had been no announcement made at time of meeting. It was noted that there was a possibility that the 292 service would be less frequent with routes still to be determined by TfL. It was further reported that the 292 contract had been awarded to Metroline, (current operators of the 107). Contract commences on 8 December 2018. It was further noted that there would be a public consultation regarding the 292 changes.

Information on new Bus Timetables could be found at:

Sullivan' Buses	<a href="http://www.sullivanbuses.co.uk">www.sullivanbuses.co.uk</a>
Metroline	<a href="http://www.metroline.co.uk">www.metroline.co.uk</a>
Uno	<a href="http://www.unobus.info">www.unobus.info</a>

Concerns were raised by members of the forum regarding:

- traffic Overload;
- lack of correspondence from Hertfordshire County Council regarding bus budget for Herts;
- impossibility of meeting planned journeys;
- timetables being out of sync; and
- Cars parking on grass verges by bus stop in Stapleton Road making it impossible for wheelchair users to board the buses.

Cllr A Plancey agreed to look into the issue of unsafe parking on Stapleton Road.

### **35. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY REPORT**

No report given due to absence of PC J Hainsworth.

### **36. TRAIN SERVICES**

The Forum received a verbal report from L Heyman (GTR) on in particular RailPlan20/20. L Heyman said. *“Our rail network wasn’t built for the challenges of today, that’s why the biggest transformation of the UK rail network in decades has*

*begun. It's called RailPlan20/20 and means simpler and more reliable journeys". Some of these changes are listed below:*

- New timetables will affect almost a million rail journeys a day in the southern half of the UK.
- Redeploying trains and crew across entire network so there will be some disruption, check your journey before you travel.
- Additional space for 40,000 more passengers into London at peak times.
- An additional 400 new trains each day (13% uplift) and that means there will be a train service every 24 seconds.
- Passengers will benefit from more frequent services and, by next year, 80 more stations will have direct services to central London stations such as Farringdon, City Thameslink and Blackfriars.

**From Dec 2018:**

- 20 trains per hour will be put into services, and trains will run every 2-3 minutes through central London.
- Interconnection with the Elizabeth Line (Crossrail) will happen; opening up new, fast and simple journey options.

Matters raised in response to the report and station concerns included:

- passengers unaware of train time changes due to websites inconsistency with actual running times;
- reduction of two trains an hour at Luton;
- Insufficient communication between senior staff and agency staff. (Agency staff not aware of protocols during an emergency);
- Night gate not open;
- Ticket gates causing congestion during peak times; and
- Insufficient car park markings, in particular disabled parking bays.

It was noted that H Matereke (GTR - Elstree and Borehamwood Station Manager) had agreed at the Transport Forum meeting in February to note raised concerns raised at the meeting by members of the forum and report back where appropriate. L Heyman (GTR) said he would contact H Matereke regarding the above.

### **37. OPEN SESSION**

[For clarity and context, questions raised in the Open Session but relating to other agenda items are recorded in the text of the relevant minute above].

#### Elstree and Borehamwood Train Station

Some members of the forum raised concerns regarding anti-social and dangerous behaviour by Youth at Elstree and Borehamwood station that would ultimately lead to fatalities. Members felt that a meeting should be organised with Network Rail to tackle the above problem and introduce anti-trespass measures. **(Minute 36)**

**It was AGREED that:**

**Network Rail be contacted by Cllr A Plancey to arrange a safety meeting.**

Other concerns raised by members in the open session are:

- angle of vending machines at Elstree and Borehamwood station;
- staff shortages; and
- changes in train times affecting bus services. (D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) requested a link to link partnership in order that bus timetables would coincide with train times.

Responding to observations by members regarding some of the matters raised L Heyman (GTR) **(Minute 36)**, reported that Elstree and Borehamwood station would benefit from Larger Gates, three additional ticket vending machines, enlargement of ticket hall building to house more foot traffic, and additional public toilet facilities.

#### A1 Stirling Corner Crossing

Members of the Forum raised concerns regarding the long running safety issues at Stirling Corner. It was noted that TfL recognised the need to address this ongoing problem. As such, Cllr C Butchins and S Alford (EBRA) agreed to co-ordinate with TfL.

(Post Meeting Update) (**APPENDIX A**)

Proposed alternative crossing route for Stirling Corner Roundabout. Letter drafted by Cllr C Butchins to V Smith (Local Communities and Partnerships Consultation Team) (TfL) and email proposal drafted by S Alford. (See attached Appendix A).

### **38. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 7.00pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....