

**SOUTH WEST AREA PANEL held HATFIELD HEATH VILLAGE HALL at
7.30 pm on 25 MAY 2006**

Present:- Councillor G Sell – Chairman.
Councillors K R Artus , J F Cheetham, A Dean, C M Dean, E J
Godwin, R T Harris, R M Lemon, A Marchant, D J Morson and V
Pedder.

Officers in attendance:- A Bovaird, G Bradley, R Clark, V Harvey, S
Hayden, J Mitchell and R Pridham.

Also present:- Brian Galloway – Member of public
Ken McDonald – Member of public
Norman Mead – Great Hallingbury Parish Council
Toby Allanson – Herts and Essex Observer
Richard Cheetham – Takeley Parish Council
Mr Griffiths – Henham Parish Council
M Sullivan – Hatfield Heath Parish Council
Carol Barbone – SSE
Tony Welling – Member of public
Martin Peachey – Member of public

SWAP1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor G Sell be elected Chairman of the panel for
the ensuing year.

SWAP2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor R T Harris be elected Vice-Chairman of the
panel for the ensuing year.

SWAP3 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E C Abrahams, J I
Loughlin and A R Row.

Councillors C Dean, Cheetham, Godwin and Harris declared personal non-
prejudicial interests in agenda item seven as Members of the Development
Control Committee.

Councillor Lemon declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a member of
Hatfield Heath Parish Council.

Councillor Godwin declared a personal non prejudicial interest as a member
of Birchanger Parish Council.

SWAP4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2006 were received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to amending SWAP 12 paragraph seven to read *Councillor A Dean had not encouraged awards for individuals for recycling performance, only for communities that performed well.*

SWAP5 **BUSINESS ARISING**

(i) SWAP13- Stansted Airport

Councillor C M Dean asked if there had been any planning applications for an extra junction to the M11 motorway, north of the A120. The Executive Manager (Development Services) said there had been no proposal to the Council

SWAP6 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ELSENHAM**

Sonia Church from Essex County Council asked Members to consider the introduction of a pedestrian crossing in the High Street, Elsenham in light of an objection received during the consultation period. The proposal made by the Parish Council was to be funded by a contribution from a Section 106 Agreement. The crossing had been requested as crossing the road was deemed hazardous.

The proposals were supported by elderly residents of Station Road, Mrs C M Dean and Mr R Gooding. One objection was made from a resident of Station Road on the grounds that the location was not perceived as a "safe" zone.

Councillor Cheetham asked how near to the roundabouts the crossing would be located, and asked if it could be positioned nearer to the war memorial. Sonia Church informed her that other locations were considered, however, the designers felt the proposed location would be the safest. If moved further East it would be closer to an entrance of a housing estate and pose further dangers.

Councillor C Dean proposed the recommendation and this was seconded by Councillor A Dean.

RESOLVED that notwithstanding the objections received, that the Area Highways Manager be asked to submit a request to the County's Cabinet Member for responsibility with Highways and Transportation recommending the following:

- That arrangements are made to introduce the pedestrian crossing as published and shown on the plan.

SWAP7

UTTLESFORD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Marc Davis from Uttlesford PCT gave a presentation on the NHS Dentistry new contract. The new dental contract was implemented on 1 April 2006 and the resources devolved to the PCT. There were now seven NHS dentists in Uttlesford, but only one practice, in Great Dunmow, taking on new NHS patients.

The aim of the new contract was to improve access within Uttlesford, including a new health care centre in Stansted. The long term strategy was to encourage new practices into the area. Currently the dentists operating under this new contract felt it worked well.

The NHS practices would operate an on-call service in the evenings from 7pm to 10pm and from 10am to 4pm at weekends. There would be a change to charges with one of three charges to be paid by patients.

Councillor Harris asked why there were no NHS dentists based at Saffron Walden Community Hospital. Marc Davis said that dentists were independent contractors and it was easier to recruit them into independent partnerships.

Councillor Morson asked for the latest update on the reconfiguration of the PCT. Marc Davis said at present there were 13 PCTs in Uttlesford and with the proposed reconfiguration Uttlesford favoured a two PCT restructure in the hope that its work would retain some locality. The Secretary of State had opted for five PCTs in Essex, meaning Uttlesford would adjoin with Epping and Harlow.

Councillor Cheetham expressed concern over the hard work that the PCT and PTG had undertaken to make a commitment to locality working and asked for assurance that the new configuration would not take away what had been achieved.

Councillor A Dean proposed the Area Panel continued to track development in Uttlesford and ensure a practice in Stansted does go ahead; and that the Scrutiny Committee looked further into Health Care.

Councillor Godwin then proposed to take this action further and it was

RESOLVED that the South West Area Panel would write to the Government asking for confirmation that the services currently provided in Uttlesford would remain with the change to five PCT's in Essex.

SWAP8

STANSTED AIRPORT – SOUTH WEST AREA ISSUES

The Executive Manager (Development Services) gave an update on the recently received planning application to increase capacity at the airport by removing the condition limiting passenger numbers to 25 million per annum (mppa) and to increase the number of air traffic movements. In 2003 planning permission was granted to increase capacity at the airport from about 15mppa

to a maximum of 25mppa, and since, the number had risen to 22.3mppa. Due to the rapid increase BAA now seek to lift the restriction of 25mppa.

This application could have a significant effect not only on Uttlesford but also on a very much wider area and in recognition of this the Development Control Committee was devoting a series of extraordinary meetings to deal solely with the airport application, with the aim of achieving as much public engagement as possible. These meetings would ensure a full examination of the application and cover such matters as the environmental impact assessment, obligations and our own consultants' findings. In addition, a week of public engagement is proposed beginning on 3 July, with a further public examination in August. The Executive Manager would then be looking to make a recommendation on 27 September.

The next series of meetings would examine the environmental impact assessment, commencing on 13 June for three days, followed by a "consolidation" meeting on 20 June.

Officers had not heard of any plans to defer the programme for a second runway, and the application was anticipated to arrive next year.

Councillor A Dean asked if it was possible for the Council to impose a condition of a higher mppa than at present opposed to removing the cap. The Executive Manager (Development Services) said the Council could impose a condition, but BAA would have the right of appeal and/or return in the future with another application.

Councillor Lemon said that the projected figure of 35mppa in 2014 was not realistic if Stansted was to introduce Airbus A380's; he was sorry to hear that the decision would not be made by a referendum. The Executive Manager (Development Services) said the capacity of a single runway under present operating restraints would only permit 35-40 mppa; if Airbus A380's were to be used they could not operate as frequently as the current range of aircraft and therefore this would have little bearing over the number of passengers.

A local resident, Ken McDonald said he felt Uttlesford's website needed improving as he found it difficult to locate airport issues. The Chief Executive said the website currently had a link to airport issues, this was however being improved and specific website dedicated to airport issues was being created.

SWAP9

RECYCLING – UPDATE ON SOUTH WEST ISSUES

The Waste and Recycling Officer gave a presentation updating on the three ways with waste. In March the recycling team was established and in April the recycling hotline was launched. A series of road shows had taken place throughout the district on recycling and wheeled bins. Questionnaires were going out to all residents in six stages, three of which had already been distributed. The first delivery was due shortly on 5 June and the final stage was due to finish late September.

Councillor Cheetham said it would be helpful if Members could be notified when their wards were in the rollout stage, especially as the rollout, in some stages divided the wards.

Councillor Harris asked what would happen to the current green boxes and dustbins that were in use. The Waste and Recycling Officer said literature would be sent to residents informing them of ways to re-use their bins, such as using them for water-butts and storage. If residents did decide not to re-use their bins their bins would be collected and recycled.

Councillor C M Dean asked where the bio-degradable bin liners could be bought. The Waste and Recycling Officer said a list of places would be provided to residents and made available on the website. Both the Council Offices in Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow would sell the liners.

Mr Griffin, a local resident asked what would happen if residents could not place their wheelie bins on the edge of the pavement. He was told that the questionnaires sent to residents would determine if their property was suitable for the bins and if it was not other provisions would be put in place.

SWAP10 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

The Leisure and Community Development Manager presented the Panel with a report providing an update of the activities and schemes currently in place.

A new webpage had been developed within the Uttlesford Website specifically for the South West Area Panel. The Area Champion would welcome input from local people. The Area Champion was due to start working half a day a week on a rolling basis around the district and would hold a surgery for local residents to drop in.

The Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre would be holding another Open Activities' Day on Saturday 10 June 2006.

The HELP- Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Programme was becoming very successful. Steve Prosser, the HELP Co-ordinator was working with participants to develop activity programmes.

The Council's Tenant Participation Officer held a consultation session on The Green Recreation Area, Stansted to seek views on the development of facilities for young people. Further work was currently being undertaken to establish costs for possible developments.

Previously it was reported that the recruitment process was underway for three posts; two of which had been filled but neither had commenced working for the Council. The Diversity Officer temporary appointment was due to close for applications on 24 May 2006.

The panel were pleased with this update and it was

RESOLVED that the panel endorsed the actions taken by officers to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the community.

SWAP11

WORK PROGRAMME

The Lead Officer welcomed suggestions from Members on topics they would like to see at future meetings. At the next meeting in September grants and police were to go on the agenda along with Airport and Highways issues. It was also agreed to ask Essex County Councillor Bass to attend/

The next meeting in September would take place in Takeley.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm.