

APPENDIX 2

TASK AND FINISH GROUP: AIRPORT-RELATED PARKING held virtually through Zoom at 10.00 am on Friday 5th June 2020

Present: Councillors M Caton and G Driscoll

Officers in attendance: G Glenday (Assistant Director - Planning) and J Pine (Senior Planning Policy Officer)

1 NOTES OF THE MEETING

The following points were raised by attendees:

- Due to the onset of the Covid-19 situation, the work of the Task and Finish Group has not been able to progress. In effect, the programme has been put on pause for several months due to on-going restrictions re consulting parish councils in the work that the task group can take forward. Also, given the fact that Stansted Airport is virtually closed for passenger business, now is not a good time to analyse the issues and impacts of the Airport's operation on parking in the local area.
- Councillor Driscoll updated the Group in relation to the bid for funding of an electric minibuss service in the area. This is the Central Essex Square D-DRT that would be available for residents in the Felsted and surrounding areas. The letter of support from Cllr Eke is in the pack that ECC submitted to DfT.
- The Group agreed that although this work programme needs to be paused for now, it is important that the work of the Group continues and pre-empts the re-opening of the Airport so that measures can be taken to mitigate against any future fly-parking issues in the future. Concern was expressed that while the Airport had a c. 50 – 50 public transport and private car modal split pre-Covid-19, there is a risk that the percentage of private cars wishing to access the airport in future could increase if people are reluctant to use public transport moving forward due to the risk from the virus.

Action points:

- The Assistant Director – Planning to prepare an update report for June Scrutiny which should include the notes of the 5th June meeting as well as the notes of the previous Group meeting on 3rd March 2020.