

Questions – Growth Scrutiny Review 2016/17
A61 Corridor
Helen Fairfax

1.	<p>What do you consider is your role in this project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Plan, transport infrastructure. Crucial can demonstrate can deliver. Corporate plan a keen interest.• Policy has worked with DCC since 2008 to see approach to transport infrastructure. Main pressure south of A61. Clay Cross. Encourage DCC to develop model. What our collective impact of what we are doing. (E.g. houses cause traffic).• Worked with Environment Agency to identify critical points and what interventions we can make and what developments should contribute. But they should not have to make all things right but solve the problems they create. This is how planning got in.
2.	<p>What do you see as the Councils long term objectives for the A61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need specific strategy to co-ordinate. A61 strategy – a working group was set up with DCC leading us as partners• Mouchel Consulting looking at prioritising projects• In terms of the Local Plan would lead this• Infrastructure development plan• Planning – growth opportunities key part of the Growth Strategy, housing development, it's a crucial artery

3.	<p>How well do you think the Council doing in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have momentum now. Previously a lot of talking and DCC had to be encouraged to do a strategy
4.	<p>Do we have the necessary skills in house for a project of this nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council well placed. Cross working – planning Economic Development, DCC highways. All round package. • Capacity is a question. Planning resourced better than other teams
5.	<p>How do we ensure what we are doing is joined up with the work of our partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross boundary meetings, A61 Strategy meeting, meets regularly • Local Plan – have a duty to co-operate. This will be examined so have to have a clear consensus
6.	<p>Are you aware of any measures to involve the public and raise awareness of the work being undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation at member level and some community consultation, led by DCC • Don't think we are telling public what we are doing and amount of funding coming in. This would be helpful • Strategy develops priority schemes not available. Need to show well co-ordinated. Get out what happening but acknowledge pressure points cannot always be changed

7.	<p>How is the project being funded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.2 million from section 106. Local growth fund 1.8 million, 12.8million D2N2 LEP. 16 million package
8.	<p>What do you think are the challenges for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living with process of implementation of interventions on A61. Will cause delays and problems • Ensuring people are informed • Peak Resort – permissions old so no s106 contributions to deal with wider network
9.	<p>What improvements would you like to see</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not identified any • Protection of land under Local Plan, off A61 to put in a link road. Been costed but no study to see if it will relive traffic with people using the ling road. Identified in local transport plan • Improvement in communication between DCC highways team and Sheffield highways team
10.	<p>Is there anything else you would like to tell us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – Do we imagine/ work creativity to find a solution • Reply – no blinkered and reality based on what we could achieve • Clay Cross Station – park and ride. Land protected for this to happen but no sign of it doing so

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1.	<p>What do you consider is your role in this project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linking planning applications. Meet County every month. Co-operation there, yes, very positive. Southern Access working group. Taylor Wimpey, our office. Engagement between County and District. Links to funding. Capacity information to justify the project
2.	<p>What do you see as the Councils long term objectives for the A61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various planning on Biwaters site. Six Halts built. Planning application for housing. Outline coming for site, physical and on paper• A61 – strategic corridor through district. Working Group trying to draw funding into corridor to support infrastructure as it is struggling
3.	<p>How well do you think the Council doing in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeing significant growth, especially housing. How do you connect southern and North without adverse impacts. District allowing housing and employment sites, Avenue and Biwaters both on route. Issues for local people – how work capacity on route and minimise impact. Needs co-ordination
4.	<p>Do we have the necessary skills in house for a project of this nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity is an issue. Long corridor, we are clear who doing what. Planning sorted in what we are doing. Other projects? Is someone pushing, liaising, communicating bit that slips of paper

5.	<p>How do we ensure what we are doing is joined up with the work of our partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are either end of Chesterfield
6.	<p>Are you aware of any measures to involve the public and raise awareness of the work being undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am Planning, DCC leading on consultation, they are doing but it is work in progress. • Individual projects consulted on widely, not sure strategic project is.
7.	<p>How is the project being funded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See other answers
8.	<p>What do you think are the challenges for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My perception DCC treating this as a serious project. It's funded, regular meetings, regular contact with County. Complicated politics plus Devolution • Highways project, various partners. Practicalities. Growth Strategic project – Avenue, Biwaters. Re corridor, fit for purpose with the level o development and how we mitigate • Communication what Council and County doing • Finding funding for the infrastructure like Clay Cross station. Developers won't fund, needs to come from elsewhere • Rural – A61 biggest challenge with congestions. DCC to consider with all developments whether can make it function. D2N2 funding about this. Will not get a Local Plan through if not sound highway bit. Needs to be right when tested.

9.	What improvements would you like to see <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clay Cross station. On infrastructure list. Serious discussion, sites being discussed, midway moved up agenda. DCC need pushing• How working with HS2? About capacity and HS2 may go some way. Question what about park and ride?- can be huge potential• DCC have traffic models to see if the situation is worse and whether need to make it work better. Being looked at, taking properties out.
10.	Is there anything else you would like to tell us <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question housing after infrastructure or before? Chicken and egg, DCC assess impact severe• There is a DCC map of the corridor with roundabouts so people can see. Will get you a copy.• Callywhite Lane – this is a challenge – Question -Could we do slip road?

Growth Scrutiny Committee – 1st December, 2016
A61 Corridor - Scene setting presentation
Alison Westray-Chapman, Graham Hill, Alan Marsden

- LEP – strategic intervention. County highway network, specifically for us A61. How to use funding to benefit. My role and Grahams to assess impact on local network.

- 2014 looking at development along corridor – Peak Resort, Chesterfield Waterside, The Avenue, Former Biwater site. Call to NED and SBC for a package of measures. Consider southern access of the Avenue and consequences on A61 corridor. Submitted D2N2 (our funding bid. Growth deal 12.8 million allocated, supported by 3.2million local contribution. 16 million package for A61. Growth Strategy 3.2m improved A61. Whit Moor roundabout proving difficult.

- Appointed consultants (Mouchel) twelve months ago to help move strategy forward. Had stakeholder and member meeting. Strategy not yet finalised going to DCC Cabinet before Christmas. Will be reviewed to check impact of HS2 spur through Chesterfield.

- Implementation plan for Peak resort few months

- Phase q funding 500,000 this financial year. Small scale near Horns Bridge. Cyclists and pedestrians.

- Try to get route through Clay Cross and Biwater's (Mc Gregors Pond)

- S106 hard engineering improvements at junctions

- In future will be more flexible in what we use it for, options, buses, local plan process look at big picture and assess how much money to fix impacts.

- Avenue 2m long way up and down the A61. Can use opportunity to use other public funding e.g. Biwater's.

- Problems are too big for one authority/developer to fix. Key employment sites without supportive infrastructure, land for employment does not get developed and other developers try to get

site for housing. So Avenue employment and Biwater houses and employment.

- Place shaping/environment raised by stakeholders.
- Electrification of Midland Mainline. If upgrade can use that to stimulate bridge at Callywhite, to open it up.
- Value of unlocking land. Site can provide 1500 jobs, higher end ones. Opportunity for sit to have attractive frontage which might attract younger people e.g. attract graduates and young entrepreneurs]].