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From: Cllr. J. Alexander
Sent: 11 September 2013 11:47
To: England, Kersten
Cc: Marshall, Leona; Wharton, Nick; Cllr. D. Merrett; Richardson, Darren; Stewart, Katie
Subject:Re: City centre

I'm not sure whether that is the case yet. We have had snap shots of success but not trend. However trend nationally and locally over long period of time is fall but some will want to blame Lendal Bridge for this fall

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Sep 2013, at 11:41, "England, Kersten" <kersten.england@york.gov.uk> wrote:

My understanding is that footfall has been up over this period to date compared with last year. But I accept that this is the challenge which is being lined up.

On 11 Sep 2013, at 11:28, "Cllr. J. Alexander" <cllr.jalexander@york.gov.uk> wrote:

Having read the article in the press about being second in the country for empty properties it is clear they are going to try and say footfall figures have dropped because of Lendal bridge. Best we get prepared.

James

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cllr. J. Alexander
Sent: 23 September 2013 18:28
To: Xxxx
Cc: Cllr. D. Merrett; Marshall, Leona
Subject:Re: City Centre Footfall

Thank you for this. I spoke today to the new interim chief exec of visit York about ensuring there is balanced media coverage over despite footfall falling (long term trend) hotel stays are up and good summer. Also evidence of spend up. We can't afford for footfall to make it look like city is in decline when evidence suggests otherwise.

Am copying in Leona so she is aware of this conversation.

Are we booked in to have a chat yet about low wage economy and local plan?

James

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Sep 2013, at 17:26, "Xxxx" <Xxxx@york.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear both

An update on City Centre footfall during the Lendal Bridge trial period.

Cllr Merrett – I am looking at the longer term trends etc as per your email to Katie, however this gives the longer term trend from the camera in Parliament Street.

Regards
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From: Xxxx
Sent: 18 September 2013 17:06
To: Stephenson, Ruth
Subject: City Centre Footfall

Hi Ruth

Please find attached the information for Cllr Reid

A few caveats;

* Data can differ under the British Retail Consortium (BRC) Calendar when comparing weeks from year to year, ie week 37 this year is not the same week as week 37 last year, however this is the format used by the BRC and any seasonal differences will “iron themselves out” across a wider temporal period for the data.

* Therefore the attached data is strongly influenced by the end of the school holidays – as you will see a large drop for the week beginning 09/09/2013 (week 37) when compared to last year.

* National trends have seen a general drop in footfall across Towns and Cities since the economic downturn began in 2008, and York has seen a general decline in footfall over this time.

* Week by week data monitoring for the trial period will be completed, however reporting over such a short time frame will provide peaks and troughs in the data. The longer term trend, possibly monthly, or over the 6 months will provide a more realistic picture.

Regards

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<City Centre Footfall Monitor.pdf>

From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 21 September 2013 06:41
To: Xxxx
Subject: RE: Coppergate and Lendal Bridge figures

Thanks.

Dave

Sent from Samsung mobile

----- Original message -----

From: "Xxxx" <xxxx@york.gov.uk>
To: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cllr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Coppergate and Lendal Bridge figures

Cllr,

I currently only have the figures for the total number of incidents recorded (which includes legitimate passes through the camera etc). I am waiting on the amended figures- showing only the PCNs issued- to be passed back to me. As soon as I have them, I shall forward them for your attention

Kind regards

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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 19 September 2013 06:47
To: Xxxx
Cc: Xxxx
Subject: Re: Coppergate and Lendal Bridge figures

Thanks. In terms of Coppergate can u tell me what proportion of the charges are for the additional hours (7-8am & 6 - 7 pm) as against the previous restrictions.
THANKS - DAVE

Sent from Samsung mobile

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From: "Xxxx" <xxxx@york.gov.uk>
To: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cllr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Cc: "Xxxx" <Xxxx@york.gov.uk>
Subject: Coppergate and Lendal Bridge figures

Cllr,

I have been asked to provide you with the enforcement figures for both Coppergate and Lendal Bridge.

I can confirm that 4739 penalty charge notices have been issued for Coppergate- enforceable since 19/08/13.

Whereas Lendal Bridge has resulted in 2237 penalty charge notices being issued, this has been enforceable since 04/09/13.

Kind regards

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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 01 September 2013 19:12
To: Xxx
Subject: RE: Lendal Bridge Update:

Thanks very much.

Dave

From: Xxx
Sent: 01 September 2013 12:45
To: Cllr. D. Merrett
Subject: Lendal Bridge Update:

Dave,

Friday:

AM – fine.

There was some queuing on Blossom Street and Queen Street at lunch time – car transporter on Queen Street and dray wagon loading at Windmill might have contributed. The PM peak occurred noticeably earlier and Foss Islands Road / Walmgate were busy from 15:00. Concentrated on keeping Foss Islands Road clear – might be causing a bit of grief on Lawrence Street. PM peak was busy but generally OK.

Saturday:

A bit busier on Foss Islands Road from mid day onward, than during the week, but nothing not manageable. Clarence Street and Gillygate were free flowing all day. Bootham had more traffic than weekdays – but still probably lighter than a normal Saturday. The Mount / Blossom Street – busy but coping well. Water End and Clifton Green all fine.

Sunday:

No problems to report.

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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 24 September 2013 21:41
To: Cllr. J. Alexander
Subject: Re: Lendal

Thanks. Will try to get a single side summary we can talk round.

Dave

Sent from Samsung mobile

----- Original message -----

From: "Cllr. J. Alexander" cldr.jalexander@york.gov.uk
Date:
To: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cldr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Lendal

Both really. I understand we have a few systems and I am wondering whether they mesh properly and if the sequencing is right. Is there more we can do to help traffic flow? I don't understand it enough.

James

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----- Original message -----

From: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cldr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Date: 24/09/2013 21:24 (GMT+00:00)
To: "Cllr. J. Alexander" <cldr.jalexander@york.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Lendal

James,

Sorry not sure I understand your question. Software, hardware?

Dave

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From: "Cllr. J. Alexander" <cldr.jalexander@york.gov.uk>
Date:
To: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cldr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Lendal

What computer systems are our lights on? Can we have a chat about it at our next one to one?

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----- Original message -----

From: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cldr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Date: 24/09/2013 21:07 (GMT+00:00)
To: "Cllr. J. Alexander" <cldr.jalexander@york.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Lendal

Fyi

Dave

Sent from Samsung mobile

----- Original message -----

From: Stephenson, Ruth
Sent: 24 September 2013 17:24
To: Cllr. D. Merrett
Cc: Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning); Wood, Richard
Subject: RE: Lendal

Dave

Re: the issues you raised with Richard

1. We have speed data from the first two weeks of the trial and it shows that mean speeds are generally at or just below 20mph, although it still requires further analysis and the data is skewed by signals at either end of the bridge and pedestrians crossing. It is not possible to determine which vehicles are travelling at higher speeds and with levels of unauthorised vehicles still on the high side we will need to go back and monitor again once compliance improves.
2. We are continuing to talk to the Sat Nav companies and Tom Tom are making further enquiries with their mapping team to look at what might be possible. Garmin, powered by NavTeq have also indicated that they will add the restriction at a future update but I am currently unclear of timescales for that happening. Transport Direct, the i-Travel journey planner and now Google maps all avoid the bridge. Google maps is especially useful as it appears to be used by mobile phone Sat Nav apps. I-Travel routing is time sensitive and carries a warning, Transport Direct and Google maps appear to avoid Lendal Bridge at all times.
3. We have been monitoring Water End and have already altered the traffic signals at this junction (as well as at Leeman Road/Salisbury Road). We have a new camera at the Boroughbridge Road end of Clifton Bridge and can see virtually the whole route. We have not noticed any significant queuing or problems and if you are aware of problems at specific times it would be useful information for us to have. We have also had equipment located on Westminster Road to monitor rat-running.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wood, Richard

Sent: 17 September 2013 13:46
To: Stephenson, Ruth
Cc: Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning)
Subject: Lendal

Hi Ruth

Just looking at my 1:1 notes with Dave Merrett. Three things

1. Taxis going too fast which you were already on with
2. Whilst sat Navs are problematic, what about mapping/route tools such as google maps and bling for when you "get directions", could you get them to do anything?
3. Whilst focus is on Foss Islands, Dave is concerned that Water End can become a problem at times and do we need to anything re signal timings?

Good progress on 9-16 seaters, thanks, and pick up on PCNS tomorrow

Thanks
Richard

Sent from my iPad

From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 26 September 2013 19:12
To: Wharton, Nick
Subject: RE: Statement about first month of Lendal Bridge

Fine Nick, lets hope Joe Watts support gets in as the headline – would be nice to be a fly on the Tory Group's walls!!!

Dave

From: Wharton, Nick
Sent: 26 September 2013 16:16
To: 'Merrett, Dave'
Cc: Cllr. D. Merrett
Subject: RE: Statement about first month of Lendal Bridge

Thanks Dave.

The deadline was gone so I sent based on xxxx and Stuart's advice re: the longer journeys. Mark said he needed to call Joe Watt to confirm his comments so hopefully he will get him.

Accept Stuart's comments but think many of them are better suited to a council corporate statement than a political comment, which needs to be a bit more human,

N.

From: Merrett, Dave
Sent: 26 September 2013 16:05

To: Wharton, Nick
Cc: Cllr. D. Merrett
Subject: FW: Statement about first month of Lendal Bridge

Nick,

FYI if you haven't seen it.
Dave Merrett

From: Xxxx [mailto:Xxxx@york.gov.uk]
Sent: 26 September 2013 16:00
To: Xxxx
Cc: Merrett, Dave
Subject: Statement about first month of Lendal Bridge

As the trial traffic restrictions on Lendal Bridge approach the first month of implementation, City of York Council is able to provide a brief summary of its performance before available data for September is published next week.

Overall the traffic network has responded well to the restriction, with preliminary results from automatic counters indicating decreases in traffic volumes on some key routes including Leeman Road and the A1237, against some increases on Foss Island Road and Clifton Bridge. Operators in the Council Traffic Control Centre have also optimised signal timings on key junctions to further improve the flow of traffic. The roads showing the best improvement in traffic flows are Gillygate, Clarence Street and Lord Mayors Walk.

More detailed traffic data will be published after month end and will also be available at the end of October after the traffic count surveys have been repeated.

There has been localised queuing on other junctions at certain times in the day and during York City FC match days, however these have responded positively to new traffic signal timings and will continue to be monitored. Elsewhere on the network the levels of congestion appear to be fundamentally unaffected by the restriction and are inline with traffic volume expectations during school term time.

With regards to signage, a comprehensive and DfT compliant scheme was implemented to inform drivers of the Lendal Bridge restriction, including its timings and that it is to be enforced by cameras. In addition, 34 AA advisory signs have been installed on the Inner Ring Road and key radials providing access into the city centre, both inside and outside of the Outer Ring Road. Following public feedback during the first few weeks of the trial, a further 18 AA advisory signs carrying more specific detail will be installed from early October. All of which are additional signs put in place to help all road users. A map showing the location of all 65 signs can be found at: www.york.gov.uk/citycentreimprovements To further assist visiting drivers, Visit York recently sent out information to all their members to help them advise their customers of the restrictions over Lendal Bridge. The Council is also launching a new online journey planner (available at www.itravel.york.info) to that will present tailored transport options for journeys in and around York. After the month end, we will be providing more detail on improvements in bus journey times and reliability - two lead indicators for the trial's evaluation. In support of this objective and following public consultation, First Bus recently announced a series of substantial fare reductions to be implemented from 29 September.

From: Cllr. J. Alexander
Sent: 05 September 2013 15:36

To: Xxx
Cc: Xxx; Stephenson, Ruth; Xxx; Xxx; Wood, Richard; Richardson, Darren; Cllr. D. Merrett; Wharton, Nick; Marshall, Leona
Subject: Re: URGENT RE: Important: Lendal Bridge

This doesn't look like a release - I would go reactive

Sent from my iPad

On 5 Sep 2013, at 15:22, "Xxx" <xxx@york.gov.uk> wrote:
Hi James

Even though we've not been approached by The Press yet, I suspect the Lib Dems have issued a release (looking at Galloway's website). It would be worth considering sending this to The Press today, if you are happy with this approach?

Thanks, xxx

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Sent: 05 September 2013 15:17
To: Xxx
Cc: Xxx; Stephenson, Ruth; Xxx; Xxx; Wood, Richard; Richardson, Darren; Cllr. D. Merrett; Wharton, Nick; Marshall, Leona
Subject: Re: URGENT RE: Important: Lendal Bridge

Yep - is this a reactive statement?

Sent from my iPad

On 5 Sep 2013, at 14:46, "Xxx" <xxx@york.gov.uk> wrote:
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Nick – would be worth prepping a political response too.

Please could you let me know your thoughts as soon as possible.

Thanks, xxxx

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ENDS

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Sent: 05 September 2013 14:28
To: Stephenson, Ruth; Xxxx; Xxxx; Wood, Richard; Richardson, Darren
Cc: Cllr. D. Merrett; Wharton, Nick; Cllr. J. Alexander; Marshall, Leona
Subject: Important: Lendal Bridge
Importance: High

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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 05 September 2013 18:10
To: Richardson, Darren; Xxxx
Cc: Xxxx; Stephenson, Ruth; Xxxx; Xxxx; Wood, Richard; Wharton, Nick; Cllr. J. Alexander; Marshall, Leona
Subject: Re: URGENT RE: Important: Lendal Bridge

Last para needs amending as refers to Wednesday.

Dave

Sent from Samsung mobile

"Richardson, Darren" <Darren.Richardson@york.gov.uk> wrote:
Also happy this is attributed to me do make sure with these latest press releases James and Dave are notified.

Sent from my iPad

On 5 Sep 2013, at 16:35, "Xxxx" <xxxx@york.gov.uk> wrote:
Many thanks, i'll add this to the line below, so it reads

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Cc: Cllr. D. Merrett; Wharton, Nick; Cllr. J. Alexander; Marshall, Leona
Subject: RE: URGENT RE: Important: Lendal Bridge

xxxx,

After the 'discards' are removed (white-listed vehicles erroneously captured by the system etc), there appears to be 500 – 600 contraventions per day for the past week.

Thanks,
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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 15 October 2013 19:45
To: Marshall, Leona
Cc: Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning); Wood, Richard; Richardson, Darren
Subject: RE: Communications update: 15 October 2013

Leona,

Please consult with me over the Lendal / Coppergate fines issue before anything public please.

Thanks - dave

From: Marshall, Leona
Sent: 15 October 2013 18:24
To: CYC Management Team; CYC Cabinet
Cc: OCE Communications; Rush, Eoin
Subject: Communications update: 15 October 2013

Hi all,

Please find today's update:

* Waste PFI: Marton/ Grafton Parish Council were refused permission to appeal the High Court's Judgment handed down in August 2013 today at the Court of Appeal in London. The August judgment refused a Judicial Review into the AWRP planning permission.. NYCC is leading on a response.

* We are working with Tesco to promote their Click&Collect trial. We have helped to commission a photographer for their photo shoot outside Huntington School tomorrow.

* We have finalised the first Poppleton P&R leaflet for residents in the area and this will be distributed via Balfour Beattie this week.

* We submitted a quote for Higher York's release on the 'Time for Tea' student initiative which encourages students to be good neighbours. We said: Councillor Lindsay Cunningham-Cross, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, said: "Students play a big part in the life of the city and form around ten percent of our population. So besides starting the next stage of your education, joining a new community is another new step. There are heaps of ways to get involved: from registering to vote in local elections to volunteering with York Cares to simply putting out your bins at the right time on the right day and being a good neighbour. I hope your time in York will be exciting and rewarding. Find out more about what's going on at www.york.gov.uk."

* Tomorrow CQC will issue a notice to their media re their investigation into Barchester Health Care Home. We have prepared the following reactive statement: Graham Terry, Assistant Director, Assessment and Commissioning, City of York Council, said: “We are aware of the Care Quality Commission’s findings and are working with them whilst we support the provider to make any necessary improvements.”

* Connect to Support will now launch on 4 November. We’ve got a media release and photo opp; short articles for partners to use in their publications (res associations, YOPA, CAB, etc), there will be information in Buzz and on Colin, posters in libraries, plus links to Connect to Support from library computers, info in their training sessions and outreach work. We’re also sending the posters/ information electronically to all GPs in the area.

* We have worked with the Yorkshire Post re: a feature on the launch of Dendale. We’re expecting to see this appear in the next couple of weeks. The Press has also agreed to do a feature on it in the new year.

* The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment launches on Friday 25 October. We have arranged a pre-photo opp tomorrow lunchtime for this and are working with Minster FM on an advertising campaign, in addition to planned releases, social media, etc

* Media releases went out today on the York Independent Living and Travel Skills partnership ensuring that disabled and vulnerable passengers can make the most of their independent journeys (photo-opp is on Thursday – the Press are attending), and the new Looked After Children’s Support facility in Holgate.

* We’ve finalised media releases on our new principal social worker and an EPH update (confirming going forward to detailed solutions with three bidders), to be issued this week (TBC).

* We’ve issued a media release re: CYC looking to invest in footfall cameras at key points across the city centre to gain a greater understanding of resident and visitor use and movement around the city, to inform future initiatives and investment decisions.

* We’re preparing lines to take on the amount of revenue from Lendal Bridge/Coppergate Penalty Charge Notices.

* We’re preparing a Local Plan press release on a report going to the LPWG next month (public from next week) which outlines the number of responses through the consultation (approx 14,000).

Housing Week

* The tweet campaign continues to promote events.

* We’ve issued an embargoed press release announcing a draft private housing strategy to drive up standards in the city and launching its consultation. We’re also referencing the Landlords’ Fair as part of Housing Week.

* Cllr Simpson-Laing was interviewed by Minster FM this afternoon ahead of the Homes above Shops event and we sent the press release around the scheme issued first in July.

Thanks,
Leona

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Sent: 01 October 2013 14:16
To: Xxx
Cc: Stephenson, Ruth
Subject: RE: Leeman Road ATC Counts:

Thanks - really helpful summary.

The two comments were one in the press by xxx and one in an e-mail which I suspect was parroting the first.

Thanks - Dave

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From: "Xxx" <Xxx@york.gov.uk>
Date:
To: "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cldr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk>
Cc: "Stephenson, Ruth" <ruth.stephenson@york.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Leeman Road ATC Counts:

Dave,

I am a bit puzzled by these comments - we can see Water End down to the Salisbury Road junction – and the exit has remained clear.

We are running a new plan at Water End / Salisbury Road from 16:00 onwards - and I have been to check it on 4 occasions during the trial and have seen no evidence of queuing – but might not have been there at the right times.

We have had (reliable) reports of some occasional queues at the city side through Marble Arch – but it is not clear what was causing them – seems unlikely to be resultant from Lendal Bridge – since flows would appear to be down all road at this end.

If we can get specific times and days that problems are occurring we can do something to help.

I will also see if the Rawcliffe P&R drivers can give us any feedback of anything unusual happening.

Generally things are going well.

Clarence Street/LMW and Gillygate remain much improved.

The station frontage must be improved?

Traffic does appear to be building up a bit on Bootham inbound – traffic gravitating to this route? The change in split at the Bootham - with majority of traffic now turning left means that we do not gain benefit of the right turn filter that runs with the ped over Gillygate – we are closely monitoring – and may need to give more full green if it starts to be a problem.

Walmgate Bar and Foss Islands Road also seems to have been getting busier over the last week – Layerthorpe Bridge Jn is coping reasonably well, but Walmgate Bar has been struggling at times with some queuing back round to Fishergate from 4ish.

From: Cllr. D. Merrett
Sent: 01 October 2013 13:29
To: Xxx
Cc: Stephenson, Ruth
Subject: RE: Leeman Road ATC Counts:

Thanks. Is there an issue at a particular time on Leeman Road that might have led to the press comments about increased congestion down there? Perhaps at the Salisbury Road/Water End junction?

Dave

From: Xxx
Sent: 01 October 2013 12:57
To: Cllr. D. Merrett
Cc: Stephenson, Ruth
Subject: Leeman Road ATC Counts:

Dave,

These are the Leeman Road flows you requested from the ATC counter:

Preliminary results from automatic counter sites - two-way vehicle flow 11:00 to 17:00 schooldays only:

Average all 2012
September 2012
September 2013**
A1237 Bridge
2240
2264
2249 (-15)
Clifton Bridge
1245
1233

1395 (+162)
 Foss Island Road
 1514
 1468
 1654 (+186)
 Leeman Road
 N/A
 619*
 590 (-29)
 Tadcaster Road
 1115
 1048
 1061(+13)
 A19 Fulford Road
 1301
 1295
 1298 (+3)

*Leeman Road count is from July 2013 – (counter installed for monitoring of the trial)

**Figures in (brackets) are change from pre-trial count average for that month

During the first month of the trial traffic that used to use Lendal Bridge has, as might be expected, switched to using Skeldergate Bridge and Clifton Bridge. We will know more detail about the changes in traffic patterns once we have the first of the more comprehensive count surveys due to be carried out in October. The Outer Ring Road (A1237) has shown little change in flow at present. Leeman Road flow is slightly down from the pre-closure levels. It is early days and traffic patterns likely to still be in flux – traffic levels will no doubt continue to change as the trial progresses.

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From: Cllr. D. Merrett
 Sent: 27 October 2013 20:18
 To: Stephenson, Ruth; Briggs, Alistair
 Cc: Xxxx; Richardson, Darren; Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning); xxxx, xxxx; Wood, Richard
 Subject:RE: Lendal Bridge meeting info - 4:15pm today

Ruth, xxxx,

I had another look at the signing on station rise, and think we need to relook at Sign A. It might work if you've already turned the corner, but feels very confusing located where it is. Is it possible to do a sign that reflects the real road layout better – i.e. put a bend in on the diagram with the Lendal

bridge restriction actually at the top of the diagram, and the all routes off to the right and back down wards, as it really is in plan.

Dave

From: Stephenson, Ruth
Sent: 23 October 2013 15:52
To: Richardson, Darren; Cllr. D. Merrett; Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning); Xxxx; Xxxx;
Wood, Richard
Cc: Xxxx
Subject: Lendal Bridge meeting info - 4:15pm today

Dear All

Please find attached an agenda and additional information. Apologies for the lateness. Additional info on the PCNs will be provided at the meeting

<< File: Agenda 23.10.13 - LB discussion.docx >> << File: Additional Measures - Final for Summit (3).docx >>

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regards

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From: Dave Merrett [dave.merrett1@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 30 October 2013 17:15
To: Cllr. J. Alexander; Xxxx; Cllr. D. Merrett; Richardson, Darren; Wood, Richard
Cc: Stephenson, Ruth; Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning); Marshall, Leona; Xxxx
Subject: RE: Urgent FW: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge

Debbie,

The press also reported last week that September was a very bad month for retailers nationally. I was also told by someone present at the retailers forum that about half of those who gave an indication of turnover said there's been no change in September or an actual improvement. May want to get ??Sophie at the coffee / chocolate ?? house to give the alternate view.

On the footfall, I was previously told some care is needed with using the Parliament Street camera figures because it measured the footfall past Splash palace. With it's demolition pedestrian flow is not as channelled past the cameras as it was before - so need to watch comparisons between the year before and the year after the demolitions and the period whilst work was going on.

Also need to take into account Gas works and other events (not mentioning Skyride by name) that may have affected custom.

Dave

From: cllr.jalexander@york.gov.uk
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 Xxxx@york.gov.uk
 Subject: Re: Urgent FW: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge
 Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 16:03:27 +0000

I would keep it short. Say there was recognition go end in the press last week that footfall had dropped in the city centre over successive years which is why we are investing in the public infrastructure. To suggest this long term trends is due to the Lendal Bridge trial does not make sense. Can also use comparative data saying September was a challenging month for retail nationally.

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 <Xxxx@york.gov.uk>
 > Subject: Urgent FW: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge

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> Hi all, please can you approve the below quote. Please see below enquiry from The Press for more details

> Thanks, xxxx

> A spokeswoman for City of York Council, said: "There is absolute recognition that the council must continue to be committed to working with partners to promote the city centre as a diverse and unique shopping offer and for this to be done on multiple platforms. > For instance, last year's Boxing Day Park&Ride offer, as well as attracting one off large scale events that bring people into the city for the first time or reconnect people to the city such as the recent Yorkshire Marathon which saw a 20 per cent increase in footfall on the day.

> "Using one city centre camera as an indicator for an entire city's worth of footfall is not an accurate reflection and with this in mind the council recently announced its intention to invest in footfall cameras at key points across the city centre to gain a greater understanding of resident and visitor use and movement around the city, to inform future initiatives and investment decisions.

> "Ultimately, this is a six month trial and consultation and all feedback from residents and businesses in the city will be taken into consideration when a decision is made at the end of the trial in February."

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> From: Mark Stead [mailto:mark.stead@nqyne.co.uk]
> Sent: 30 October 2013 15:16
> To: Xxxx; Marshall, Leona; Cllr. J. Alexander
> Cc: Gavin Aitchison
> Subject: FW: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge

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> Hi xxxx

> The attendance sheet for the meeting includes businesses in the jewellery, department store, books and stationery, cosmetics, clothing, homewear, food and beverage and hospitality sectors.

> All businesses are based within the city-centre and most of them are on what would be regarded as York's primary city-centre shopping area. They would mostly be within five minutes' walk of Lendal Bridge and certainly not more than ten minutes' walk.

> Is any of the information you have included in this email to be used as a quote/response or purely for guidance at this stage?

> Thanks.

> Mark

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> Mark Stead | Political Reporter

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> From: Xxxx [mailto:xxxx@york.gov.uk]
> Sent: 30 October 2013 15:06
> To: Mark Stead
> Cc: Marshall, Leona; Cllr. J. Alexander
> Subject: FW: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge

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> Hi Mark – thanks for the below.

> A couple of things:

> Without having seen the minutes or knowing which particular retailers attended and gave these views it is difficult to establish what factors are impacting a business which in any market there are sure to be many (for instance one of the retailers cites in town/out of town argument as opposed to Lendal). Please could you give us some more detail? Such as location of the business (within or outside the city centre).

> As an important reference re: using one city centre camera as an indicator for an entire city's worth of footfall, this is not an accurate reflection (please see the below release we issued re: footfall)

> Going back to the release below there is absolute recognition that the council must continue to be committed to working with partners to promote the city centre as a diverse and unique shopping offer and for this to be done in difference ways. Examples include Boxing Day P&R /parking and one off large scale events that bring people into the city for the first time or reconnect people to the city (for instance the York Marathon saw a 20 per cent increase in footfall that Sunday).

- > Ultimately, what we need to reiterate is that this is a six month trial and all feedback will be taken into consideration when a decision is made at the end of the trial.
- > Thanks, xxxx
- > 15 October 2013
- > For immediate release
- > Council invests in footfall cameras to support city centre resilience plans
- > City of York Council has announced its intention to invest in footfall cameras at key points across the city centre to gain a greater understanding of resident and visitor use and movement around the city, to inform future initiatives and investment decisions.
- > The move comes as part of the council's commitment to support York's city centre resilience in light of current market challenges, against a backdrop of decreasing footfall on high streets seen across the UK since 2008. It will also allow the authority to benchmark the city in comparison to other similar sized city's across the UK, and learn from best practice elsewhere.
- > The authority is currently in discussion with city centre businesses on the number and locations of the camera's, which will be informed in part by qualitative information from retailers and other businesses already operating in the centre.
- > Cllr James Alexander, leader of City of York council said: "Making this long overdue investment will help us gain a much better understanding of how the city centre is being used by residents and visitors, not just in our key shopping areas and attractions, but in evaluating new concerns and maximising opportunities such as our evening economy.
- > "We've embarked on a programme of investment in our public spaces throughout the city as part of reinvigorate York and the current set of cameras in Parliament street do not give an accurate reflection of public movement throughout the city. York's diverse shopping offer for instance is across the entirety of the city centre, not just on Parliament street. Increasing the number of footfall cameras will not only monitor more accurately the numbers of people using the various areas of the city, but how they are using it".
- > Between 2009 and 2012, the city centre footfall in York has declined by approximately 6 per cent, slightly above the UK rate.
- > The camera's will be in addition to those on Parliament Street and will be paid for via existing core service budgets. They will be separate from existing CCTV cameras, due to the need for them to be stationary at all times to gain accurate footfall data.
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- > From: Mark Stead [mailto:mark.stead@nqyne.co.uk]
- > Sent: 30 October 2013 13:16
- > To: Marshall, Leona; Xxxx
- > Subject: City-centre businesses - Lendal Bridge
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- > Leona/xxxx – would definitely need a comment on this by the end of today. Sorry if it's short notice but have only just had the information referred to in this email.
- > We have seen the minutes of the last meeting of York Retail Forum, held on October 17, which were sent to us by an unnamed party. I feel it is important to point out that these minutes were not made known to us by any member of the forum's executive – I have spoken to its chair, Frank Wood, today and he was surprised we had seen them. But they are genuine and we are doing a story based on them for tomorrow's paper.
- > The minutes say:
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- > • City-centre retailers have seen reductions in footfall and transactions during the last trading quarter.
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- > • The effect of the Lendal Bridge traffic restrictions is seen by retailers as a major cause of this downturn in trading, if not the sole cause.
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- > • CYC data shows a 12 per cent year-on-year fall in Parliament St footfall in September and almost 30 per cent down on 2011, according to the forum’s secretary, who also said CYC could not provide any footfall figures for Coney Street as the camera there had provided “intermittent data” since August, although it should return to normal by December.
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- > • One retailer had seen a 20 per cent swing in footfall to out-of-town shops and many independent smaller retailers saw footfall reduce in September to the extent that sales were up to 28 per cent down and some had had to lay staff off.
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- > • Retailers are worried the direct consequence of closing Lendal Bridge could see them go out of business, and negative perceptions of the trial could damage York’s image long-term.
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- > • The forum’s members voted by a majority to communicate a request to Coun Alexander to remove the Lendal Bridge restrictions immediately and reopen the bridge in full. I understand this has been communicated to the leader.
- > Let me know and thanks.
- > Mark
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From: Xxxx
Sent: 28 October 2013 14:55
To: Cllr. D. Merrett
Cc: Wood, Richard; Richardson, Darren; Clarke, Tony(Transport Planning)
Subject:RE: White list exemptions

Dave,

We currently have a number of vehicles operated by Communities and Neighbourhood Services exempted from the Lendal Bridge and Coppergate restrictions and hence on the 'white list'. These are vehicles used in connection with highway and winter maintenance, and domestic refuse connection.

The decision about which vehicles to exempt, and the operational management of the fleet that ensures that the minimum number of CYC vehicles use the restrictions is down to senior management in CANS, but I do know that we have issued and upheld a number of PCNs against CYC vehicles; a fact which I would argue somewhat disproves the statement that "all council vehicles" are exempt.

Thanks,
Darren

From: Richardson, Darren
Sent: 26 October 2013 15:55
To: Cllr. D. Merrett
Cc: Wood, Richard
Subject: Re: White list exemptions

Dave it is as restricted as we can make it and as we have discussed, lets check with Darren Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 Oct 2013, at 07:19, "Cllr. D. Merrett" <cllr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk> wrote:
Darren,

Widdow's letter in Thursday's press claims we've exempted all council vehicles. Did you not restrict the list to the absolute minimum as I asked you to?

Dave

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