FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 3/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

All questions referring to MRF LTP document 2018-2036

1. 1.1 a) Refers to A new Corporate Plan. RCC Website seems to only hold a Corporate Plan for 2016 - 2020; if this has been superseded where is it available and why has the 2016-2020 version not been replaced with this 'new' Plan?

Answer:
The Corporate Plan referred to in Moving Rutland Forward is indeed that for the period 2016-2020. The ‘new’ element referred to the fact that the Corporate Plan had been replaced since that which was in place at the time of Local Transport Plan 3.

2. 1.1 b) ‘The time-frame of MRF matches that of our draft new Local Plan’. The deadline for LTP feedback is Friday January 11th, and yet there are 1700 unanswered predominantly negative questionnaires that have already been submitted regarding the Local Plan. The CEO of RCC has stated that these questionnaires will not be analysed until after the May 2019 elections, after this the impact on the Local Plan whilst unknown at this time should at the least be considered. Given LTP3 already exists, what has been the RCC total cost to date for preparing LTP4?

Answer:
Apart from some design work (approximately £1800 excluding VAT), the only costs are those associated with staff time. In addition, the above statement regarding the timeframe related to the fact that both the Local Plan and MRF are due to run until 2036.

3. 1.2.1 a) Discusses ‘vulnerable residents’. Please can you define those seen as vulnerable to most vulnerable?

Answer:
As outlined in the Passenger Transport Strategy: “disabled people or older people with mobility difficulties or other health needs”.

4. 1.2.1 b) Maintaining highway network to a high standard. How do we measure, Please define 'high', is there a 'meets'?
This is measured through the Department for Transport’s maintenance performance banding system (Rutland County Council has now achieved band 3) and through the Highways Asset Management Plan and road condition scores, submitted to the DfT annually.

5. 2.8 Biodiversity, flora and fauna: the 222 local wildlife sites and important areas of calcareous grassland and ancient and broadleaved woodland. Please can you forward further details of the 222 locations?

Answer:
Please refer to Appendix 3 of the Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document, by using the link below and selecting ‘Site Allocations and Policies DPD complete document including the Policies Map – October 2014’:


6. 3.1 Encouraging cycle tourism ... 4.5 miles joint cycleway/ footways. Please can you verify where these were built?

Answer:
The cycleways / footways referred to are as follows:

- Preston to Uppingham,
- From Exton Coach Road to Greetham Road, Cottesmore (via Cottesmore Road and Exton Road)
- Extension of route into Ashwell (from Tambourine Bridge towards village)
- Infill on the A47, Uppingham - from roundabout heading west (up to where the footpath E266 meets the A47)
- Route along A6121 from Rutland Way to Mill Street, Ryhall
- Gap fill - section of road from Uppingham to Lyddington (Main Street)

7. 3.4 electronic information displays at 3 locations in the county. Please can you advise where these are installed?

Answer:
The 3 electronic information displays are located as follows:

- Oakham bus station
- North Street East, Uppingham
- Ayston Road, Uppingham.

8. 5.3.3 Highway management computer system. Is it installed yet and what was the total cost to the council?

Answer:
Rutland County Council have now installed Confirm (provided by Pitney Bowes). There were initial procurement and set-up costs of £60,000 plus annual license costs of £25,000.

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Yours faithfully

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