

Technical Advisers Group North East



Friday 2nd June 2017
1000 – 1200
Lunch 1200 – 1300

TAGNE

Venue Jacobs, Stockton
(host Peter Farrer, Jacobs)

Present:	Derek Smith Stuart Kay Tim Smith John Bourn Paul Muir Brendan Colarossi Keiron Bostock Ray King Steve Brannan Jimmy Young Andy Morris Ruth Bendell Mike Coulson Stuart Miller Chris Sewell Donovan Pearce Grahame Kelly Peter Farrer Mark Jackson Laura Emmerson Phil Beaumont	Chair – TAG NE / South Tyneside Secretary – TAG NE / Sweco Sunderland CC NECA Sunderland CC Hartlepool BC Hartlepool BC T&W UTMC Darlington BC Gateshead Council Secretary TAG / Novo 55 Northumberland CC BAM Nuttall CECA NE Jacobs Jacobs Sweco Jacobs Sunderland CC WSP Colas
Apologies	Dave Pentland Sally Herbert Jim Beecham Peter Gray Tony Gilbey Simon Milner Trevor Waggett	South Tyneside Council Newcastle CC Tarmac Newcastle CC CH2M Stockton BC Gateshead Council

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Minutes

1. Welcome / Introductions

2. Safety Moment: Fairness Inclusion Respect (FIR)

Phil Beaumont CECA / Colas

A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

3. Presentation: Connecting the Tees Valley: Strategic Transport in the Tees Valley

Mark Wilson, Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Q&A - None

4. Presentation: New Wear Crossing

Mark Jackson, Head of Infrastructure and Transportation, Sunderland City Council

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Q&A

Q – Have there been any issues with vibration given the close proximity of buildings?

A – Vibration is constantly monitored and, to date, no problems have been reported.

Q – Are there any planned works to Queen Alexandra Bridge following completion of NWC?

A – SSTC Phase 3 passes close to the QA bridge, but there are no specific works planned on the bridge or its approaches.

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5. Presentation: The Technical Benefits from Collaborative Working

Chris Sewell / Donovan Pearce, Jacobs

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Q&A

Q – has the lessons learned and published workflow been fed back through Highways England's Peer to Peer groups?

A – This is a live process which is ongoing. Feedback through Peer to Peer was noted and will be taken forward.

6. National TAG Activities (Andy Morris, TAG National Secretary)

a. Overview

b. 2017 AGM and Seminar

- AGM was held on the 8th May and Allan Kraven was appointed as the new president. Allan works for Conways for Westminster City Council.
- Vice president is John Lamb
- Junior Vice President is Andrew Cassells from NI.
- The president wants to focus on the regions this year and will attend all regions at some point in the year. Allan will be attending the TAG NE meeting on the 24th November 2017 in Hartlepool.
- Tag is looking at rebranding and updating the web site.
- Also the Business plan will be re launched.

c. Transport (Andy Morris – TAG Secretary)

- The past few months has been busy for the members of the committee with discussions with DfT starting to now develop a market for TAG to add value to DfT's work, potential opportunities for TAG to provide leadership on two key areas – Air Quality and Resilience and the work around Longer Lorries starting to develop traction and publicity across a range of media.
- TAG members met with DfT on 25th January 2017. TAG has put a proposal to DfT for a Resilience Toolkit which has been well received. John Lamb is leading on developing this but

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provides an opportunity for TAG to lead on this. Potentially ties into the Presidential Seminar later in the year.

- Following a recent presentation on air quality from Simon Birkett there was a lengthy discussion on how TAG could provide leadership on this major issue. It would seem there is a lack of expertise in this area i.e within LA's it can fall to Environmental Health or Transport Planners in addition to the day job but it's not being tackled or co-ordinated well across LA's or government bodies i.e. DfT, DEFRA. Not to dissimilar from the issue on resilience.
 - In January 2017 myself and John Elliot appeared before the HoC Transport Select Committee for their first session on their inquiry into Urban Congestion. A wide ranging review covering all matters of congestion but the committee certainly seemed thankful of TAG's contribution to the debate and also subsequent evidence and information provided by John.
 - Finally the issue of longer lorries seems to be rising in profile within the media particularly after some evidence of collisions involving longer lorries. Members of the committee are meeting with DfT Minister John Hayes on 13th March.
- d. Coastal / Fluvial (Ruth Bendall, Chair of TAG Flood and Coastal Risk Management Committee)
- Committee are working closely with ADEPT
 - Committee also considering the impact of BREXIT on EU Codes of Practice and Regulations
 - Next Meeting is July 2017.

7. AOB

- Mark Jackson extended an invitation to TAG to visit NWC
Members to contact TAG NE Secretary to arrange.
- On behalf of CECA, Mike Coulson promoted the following event:
Rebalancing the Economy Discussion
Friday 14th July
Ramside Hall, Durham
8.30am for 9.00 until 11.00am approximately
Contact stuart.miller@ceca-ne.co.uk or 0191 228 0900 to book

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8. Date, time and location of next meetings

8th September 2017 – North Tyneside

24th November – Hartlepool

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