

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Policy Group notes

Name of group	Transport and Infrastructure Group (TIG)
Date of meeting	Tuesday 13 September
Chair/Author	Stephen Britt/ Emma Alderton & Paul Simon
Summary of presentations/guest speakers	
<p>Andrew Summers – Transport East – Introduction to Transport East plus an update on various transport activities and priority routes within East Anglia focussing on Suffolk.</p> <p>Gareth Elliott – Mobile UK – Introduction to Mobile UK plus updates on the Shared Rural Network (SRN) and 5G rollout</p>	
Key feedback/responses	
<p>TE presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keen for businesses to use the Chamber to feed in any issues and feedback on initiatives - New resources being set up for partnership panel to feed back - Lots of events that could use business participants - Roundabout at Felixstowe is an often-ignored pinchpoint – could do with a link road from Trimley down Candlet Road – Andrew will take the feedback in and there is a study coming in from this pinchpoint all the way up the A14 - Ely rail junction has been identified as a pinchpoint since 1945 but still affecting freight etc to this date - Decarbonisation: freight loads being transported by trains instead of lorries reduces carbon emissions by 76% even before any electrification <p>Mobile UK presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixed Wireless Access is coming which means that you won't need separate broadband access - Variety of policy guidance around broadband available particularly from Westminster to LGA's but not much for 5G - Mobile UK is happy to go in to speak to LA's etc to explain what the various infrastructure is that's required and 'what, why, how' of it all – SGPB best to make arrangements 	
Links to reports/presentations shared	
Transport East presentation	Mobile UK presentation
Recommendations for Suffolk Chamber policy positioning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on campaigning for East-West improvements being 'top of the list' - Lobbying for 5G rollout across the County – potential for a task and finish group to investigate what other Counties (Essex in particular) have done and where we can lobby our local authorities for rollout access - Decarbonisation and alternative fuel support for TE 	

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Requests for group engagement/information

- Business engagement at TE events
- Feedback continuing via Suffolk Chamber policy team who sit within the TE
- Suffolk Growth Programme Board suited to engage LA's with Mobile UK

Forward plan

- Graeme Mateer to follow-up with Karen Chapman regarding engagement of Mobile UK with LA's
- Letter of support needed for the Ely/Haughley junction – potentially through Lucy Fraser MP – Paul Simon to action

Date of next meeting

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