

Princes Risborough Steering Group meeting 22 June 2016

Project update

- Brief of work for reviewing the southern options for the relief road prepared and advertised for tender. Work awarded to DRF Consulting Engineers as scoring highest on evaluation criteria (cost/approach/skills and experience). This work has a highway engineering / road safety audit focus. The environmental pieces of the assessment will be sourced in-house.
- Landscape work commissioned in-house to set the wider landscape context, which will support the Sustainability Appraisal.
- Viability work – approach and assumptions shared with land interests and awaiting comment.
- WDC have received and processed a number of Environmental Information Requests (these are like Freedom of Information Requests) – tending to frustrate progress on the main task of getting the plan and supporting evidence prepared.
- Transport working group met and prepared written proposal, shared with steering group.
- WDC continuing to meet with land interests to discuss support for the master planning process.
- WDC discussion with Network Rail to
 - Firm up long term safeguarding of twin tracking;
 - Understand their position on level crossing replacement;
 - Understand the process for modifying their bridges.
- Martin Andrew commissioned to update the Conservation Area Appraisals for Horsenden and Alscot (strongly recommended by Historic England).
- Mill Lane proposal (Gladman) – appeal dismissed. Principal reason for refusal based on lack of flooding assessment, therefore capacity of site in doubt. Little weight afforded to existing / emerging plans – too early.