



Community Sub-Group Report

GTDP Board Meeting Friday 16th February 2018

Since the previous Board Meeting on 15th December, the Sub-Group has met once on 17th January. Full details are available at <http://www.gtdp.org.uk/community-subgroup>. Particular items of interest for the Board are listed below.

Responses to Public Concerns

The Sub-Group was pleased to be able to report positive news on two matters that had been followed up after being brought to a previous meeting.

- A query about **price of train tickets bought on the train** had been checked with the two local Train Operating Companies. With the exception of railcard discounts on East Midlands Trains, the price of all other tickets for immediate travel from Thetford should be the same whether bought on the train, at the ticket office or from the machine.
- Issues with the **Bus Interchange** had been forwarded on to Norfolk County Council. A positive response had been received, saying steps will be taken to address the height of the timetable displays, buses blocking the entrance, and parking near the exit.

Health Provision

The state of health provision in the town was again brought up the public, with particular concern over upcoming changes to drug/alcohol rehabilitation services, lack of NHS dentist and GP provision, lack of mental health support, and the removal of the sharps bin from the Cage Lane toilets. It is hoped these issues will be picked up by the Board under a future agenda item on health.

Integrated Delivery Plan

With developments now starting, the Sub-Group wishes to stress how important it is for the public (and other stakeholders) to have access to timely and accurate information about how projects are progressing. It is suggested that the Integrated Delivery Plan is revived and updated.

Cycling and Walking Routes Report

An initial draft of the draft Cycling and Walking Routes Report was considered at the Sub-Group meeting. There is still work to be done on the report before it is ready to be presented to the board, but members may be interested in viewing the draft at <https://goo.gl/95RNYB>. We would be grateful for any input or feedback they have to offer. In particular, it was felt that some input from Highways department at Norfolk County Council would be useful to help gauge what resources might be required and available for the various schemes.

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