

North Yorkshire Timber Freight Quality Partnership (NYTFQP)

Notes of Meeting at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre 03.11.2011 1500

Summary of Actions

Memorandum of Understanding

Completed draft of the Memorandum of Understanding to be distributed prior to the next FQP meeting.

Lead – James Gilroy and Guy Warren

Routes Map

Presentation to County Councillors to be completed at a member's seminar before Christmas.

Lead – James Gilroy

Draft consultation letter for Parish Councils and public to be produced. This to be approved by JW / CT before being distributed as part of the consultation.

Lead – James Gilroy

Affected Parish Councils (those with a consultation or excluded route in their area) to be identified so that they can be contacted directly, rather than completing a blanket consultation exercise.

Lead – James Gilroy

Information on the map is reviewed so that only details of the average number of vehicles is given, rather than full production data as this involves too much data and could be confusing for map users. The following categorisation was suggested;

- Light Usage – 0-2 round trips per day
- Medium Usage – 2-5 round trips per day
- High Usage – More than 5 round trips per day

It was suggested that info for the next 2 years is provided, alongside an estimate of the following 5 and 10 years.

Lead – James Gilroy

Press releases to be produced and distributed through members of the FQP to publicise the consultation, with links to the consultation available from FQP member websites.

Lead – James Gilroy

Driver Training

Develop proposals for a haulier training in North Yorkshire

Lead- James Gilroy / Will Richardson

Timber FQP Webpage

Papers from the FQP to be made available on the Timber Transport Forum website.

Lead – James Gilroy

Summary Notes

1.0 Introductions and apologies

Attendee List

Jeremy Walker (Chair)	FC Forestry Advisory Committee
Cllr Gareth Dadd	NYCC Executive Member for Highways and Transportation
Mike Roberts	NYCC
James Gilroy	NYCC
Crispin Thorn	Forestry Commission
Jon Bates	Forestry Commission
Russell Porter	Land Factor
Guy Warren	UPM Tillhill
Ian Austerhulme	UPM Tillhill
Steve Dresser	Euroforest

Apologies

Will Richardson	Yorwoods
Roland Stiven	GB Timber Transport Forum
Jane Karthaus	ConFor
Brian Nugent	UPM Tillhill
Thomas Coates	Egger
Geoff Garrett	YDNPA
Barry Hearsey	NYMNPA

2.0 Review of previous meeting notes and actions

Notes were agreed as being accurate. Specific actions were discussed as part of the remainder of the meeting.

3.0 Revised FQP terms of reference

These were discussed and agreed by the partnership. Roland Stiven was thanked for his part in producing these terms.

4.0 FQP Memorandum of Understanding

CT, GW and JG had met to develop a draft memorandum of understanding. This is still being developed and as such a version was not available for discussion at the meeting. JG ran through some of the key points of this, from an NYCC perspective. It was felt that before a full version could be distributed for comments that the timber industry should have the opportunity to provide input on this document.

Extraordinary Traffic was discussed. The Forest Regulatory task force were due to publish a response and recommendation to the Government on their findings. This report was published following the FQP meeting on the 4th November 2011. See attached link. These are recommendations only at this time and were not formal government policy. A response from DEFRA on this report is due early in 2012.

www.confor.org.uk/Upload/Documents/22_FRTFreportOct2011.pdf

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5.0 Timber Routes Map

JG stated that there had been some feedback on the proposed routes map, following the distribution of the draft map to forest managers who had responded to the original production study. Some amendments were being made to the map based on these comments.

The next stage was identified as being a public consultation on the map. Cllr Dadd state that he felt that members should be engaged first to ensure that they are supportive of the principles behind the routes map and the work that the FQP is completing.

It was suggested that a presentation is given to County Councillors detailing the role of the FQP and the routes map.

Action – JG to organise a presentation to County Councillors at a member's seminar before Christmas.

Following this presentation- it was agreed that the consultation should begin in the New Year. In line with standard practice the consultation process would be 12 weeks. The aims of the consultation process are as follows;

- To identify any issues the public has with the proposed routes
- Inform the public of proposed routes
- Inform the public about the work that the FQP is completing

The consultation letter and documents will be distributed on behalf of the FQP and not from NYCC. Key members of the FQP; the Forestry Commission, NYCC, ConFor, Yorwoods, YDNPA and NYMNPA will be referenced on any communication.

Communication to the public should be worded in a way that does not unduly alarm members of the public and should demonstrate that the number of round trips is not excessive with most operations averaging less than 5 HGV round trips per day.

Action JG to produce a draft letter for Parish Councils and public. This is to be approved by JW / CT before being distributed as part of the consultation.

Action Affected Parish Councils (those with a consultation or excluded route in their area) to be identified so that they can be contacted directly, rather than completing a blanket consultation exercise.

With this in mind it was suggested that the information on the map is reviewed so that only details of the average number of vehicles is given, rather than full production data as this involves too much data and could be confusing for map users. The following categorisation was suggested;

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It was suggested that info for the next 2 years is provided, alongside an estimate of the following 5 and 10 years.

Action JG to update map with changes as suggested.

Press releases will also be produced and distributed through members of the FQP to publicise the communication, with links to the consultation available from FQP member websites.

Action JG to produce a generic press release for distribution

6.0 Future Measures

Communication with County Council Members

This will take place as part of the members' seminar.

Driver Training

This is to be progressed in the New Year. NYCC have stated that they will be able to provide a venue for this training. Yorwoods should be able to fund the training with a supplement from the hauliers.

Action JG / WR to organise training day for hauliers for early 2012

Improving NYCC officer understanding of the timber industry

This is ongoing. As opportunities arise, site visits to be completed by NYCC officers at specific locations.

FQP webpage

Papers from the FQP to be made available on the Timber Transport Forum website.

Action JG to liaise with Roland Stiven to coordinate this and upload on the NY TFQP webpage on the GB timber transport forum website

7.0 AOB

CT confirmed that his role had now expanded to include the North East. This could help to improve working relationship between the North Yorkshire FQP and Northumberland TTG.

UK Forestry Standard launched early November 2012. This has a reference to Timber Transport in the UK. It advises operators to seek guidance from relevant Local Authorities when planning extraction. www.forestry.gov.uk/ukfs

8.0 Date and venue for next meeting

It was agreed that a venue in a similar area would be beneficial. A date of 1st March 2012 has been agreed at the Sutton Bank Visitor Centre. Details and papers will be sent out to FQP members in due course.