



## **Avis Way and North Quay Business Forum**

28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Veolia ERF, Newhaven

### **1 – Welcome & Introductions**

#### **2 - Update on Newhaven Enterprise Zone**

2.1 – workshops being held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December to develop Newhaven's story, open to all, please encourage staff to attend. See [website](#) for details.

2.2 – HR Forum held & work ongoing into Employer Survey, Employee Information Pack & Employment Fair

2.3 – Sector Support Fund money for Avis Way & North Quay improvements likely to be awarded soon (£118k). Further money from ESCC for town wide signage improvements (£40k)

2.4 – Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Newhaven Community Fund, applications in by end of year, please see Sussex Community Foundation website for details.

#### **3 – Actions from Meeting 3 (13/06/19)**

3.1 – Terms of Reference, Chair & Secretariat – Agenda item

3.2 – Invite key employers - NPP agenda item.

**Action:** Brett & Conway to be invited

3.3 – Impact of Brexit – included in NPP

3.4 – ESCC, LDC & the EA still being engaged with. Identifying roles & responsibilities before enacting improvement plans.

#### **4 – Newhaven Port & Properties**

We were delighted to hear from Michael Smewing who presented plans on the developments for the Port and discussed;

4.1 – Beach & Jetty access: There was discussion about access to these areas. This is currently restricted due to the condition of the jetty, contamination on the beach & therefore public liability on the owners.

4.2 – New Quay is being constructed to the front of the Rampion site which could serve ferry, freight &/or lift cargo operations. This will take up to 5 years to complete and cost £50m-£80m subject to agreed use, decided by the Port.

4.3 – Port Access Road: Will relieve traffic flow through the residential areas of East Side to Beach Road. There was discussion on whether the new road could enable public access to the Beach & to Tidemills through the provision of public parking at the southern end.

**Action:** CD to take to Newhaven Port Access Road Liaison meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec meeting

4.4 – Brett operations and site: there was discussion on the Brett operations and impact on the area.

4.5 – Port improvements: Layout improvements have been made to add car parking spaces near to the entrance and to improve flow into & through the Port.

4.6 - Brexit contingency planning: There have been physical changes to the layout to improve traffic flow. Border Force will have more staff. Announcements are made on board to inform that there is severely limited lorry parking, standing & waiting areas in the town.

#### **5 – Formalising the Avis Way & North Quay Business Forum**

5.1 – The Terms of Reference were adopted (attached)

5.2 – Chair has not been filled yet but will be appointed on a meeting by meeting basis for now. It would be useful to have a Chair to act as a figurehead for the AWNQ community

5.3 – Secretariat to be carried out by NEZ office & team.

## 6 – Other Priorities & Discussion

6.1 – The A259 has been included as part of the Strategic Road Network which allows ESCC to apply for new capital funding, as part of wider package of proposed improvements for the county's roads. e which gives greater importance to this route.

6.2 – A26: Concerns were raised about speeding on the A26/New Road.

**Action:** to highlight with ESCC

6.3 – UTC: Sussex College is in discussion with the DfE about uses but it seems unlikely that the building will be in use before September 2020. NEZ & others are pressing for access to the building so that it can be put into temporary use. There is also interest in developing Maritime Industry education & training services at both Denton Island & the UTC

6.4 – Rick Tester from Tomsetts shared some 'Welcome to Newhaven' signage that he had commissioned. These to be taken to Place-Making workshops

## 7 – Next Meeting

Topic: To discuss the Avis Way & North Quay sites, plot & identify key actions

Date: tbc

Venue: Brightwell, Avis Way

### Attendees:

Kirsti Peters	Brightwell Dispensers Group
Steve Wilson	Clean Thermodynamic Energy Ltd
Jason Corpas Bravo	Day Group
Andrew Halfacree	Fludes
Rosie Lincoln	Lincoln Kitchens & Granite
Dave Collins-Williams	Newhaven Port & Properties
Michael Smewing	Newhaven Port & Properties
Mark Thompson	Plastech
James Pybus	Pybus Group LLC
Andy Tucknott	Tomsetts Transport
Rick Tester	Tomsetts Transport
Allan Kay	Veolia ERF
Paul McMullen	Veolia ERF
Victoria Archer	Newhaven Enterprise Zone
Corinne Day	Newhaven Enterprise Zone
Jeremy Taylor	Newhaven Enterprise Zone

### Apologies:

Alex Roberts	Fludes
Alan Stone	Interface 2
Corin Jeavons	Jeavons Toffee
Alan Stride	Premier Impressions
Amanda Miles	Premier Impressions
Grant Warden	Quintessence
Corin Jeavons	Jeavons Toffee
Simon Springford	TinTab