## **Army and Navy Task Force**

## 15th October 2018

Attendees:	Cllr Kevin Bentley Cllr John Spence Cllr Jenny Chandler Cllr Roy Whitehead Cllr Peter Sadowsky Vicky Ford MP (via telephone)
Apologies:	Cllr Dick Madden

## 1. What is the desired output for this group?

"Long term solution of the junction of the Army and Navy Roundabout which leads to improved traffic in the area in the future."

It was discussed that the Army and Navy was specifically a junction and that the focus was on traffic flow around the city so that any improvements made to the junction do not have a large negative effect on the rest of the city.

## 2. Discussion

A request for a regular communications update on what members of the task force and communicating with the public

The aim of this is so that there are no surprises for members of the task force.

Vicky Ford has raised with ministers the issue of the A&N roundabout – They communicated to her that is important to get a preferred scheme together including how much money would be required. Ministers have not stated what is available financially.

Members of the task force highlighted it was important that they also use the informal routes to discuss the issues of the roundabout, not just the formal application process.

For the next meeting, it would be useful to detail what would be required for the preparation of a Strategic Outline Business case in the next 12 months and using the task force to do so for example implications of land acquisition etc.

Cllr Jenny Chandler pointed our that there are a lot more houses in great baddow and they need to be taken into account with what the task force are doing - making sure that everyone is involved and is communicated with. Cllr Peter Sadowsky highlighted the congestion around the army and navy - the chelmer viaduct was delivered by highways england, a long promise, it was a stand alone piece, and it hasn't fettered our ability to do work to the roundabout – He also highlighted the desire of many residents to have a 2-way flyover and wanted to understand the implications of having one on Chelmsford's traffic.

Cllr John Spence pointed to the focus for the task force being on a long term solution whilst cogniscent of short term plans - if we present to government we need a model of traffic volumes - also taking account of other pieces of infrastructure that are outstanding – such as getting the northeast bypass built

Cllr Roy Whitehead suggested discussing possible solutions in more detail at the next meeting.

3. Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 9am-10am, County Hall, Chelmsford