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Title	LB Barnet response to Crossrail 2 Consultation
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Summary

This report summarises work undertaken to date on the development of Crossrail 2 including Barnet's relatively limited involvement so far. The report then explains that Crossrail 2 is now proposed to be extended into the borough at New Southgate. The proposed extension of one of several modifications to the scheme which is subject to a consultation that lasts until 25th July 2014. The committee is asked to approve the draft response to the consultation set out in appendix 1 that provides a strong endorsement to the extension into Barnet.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee approves the response to the Crossrail 2 consultation as set out in Appendix 1**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In 2009 Transport for London (TfL) undertook a review of the existing proposed Chelsea-Hackney new rail line and concluded that there was a greater need for a new north east – south west rail line given current and planned growth across London. This led to a large number of options being assessed, two of which were selected for further development.
- 1.2 These two options, (known as the Regional and Metro options), were subject to consultation in summer 2013. The results of this consultation confirmed greater support for a Regional option. However, it also raised some issues on specific route alignments. TfL and Network Rail are now undertaking this second consultation to explore these specific aspects in more depth. Barnet officers responded to the 2013 consultation, supporting the Regional option but requesting that the route be extended from Alexandra Palace into the borough.
- 1.3 The proposal to extend Crossrail 2 into LB Barnet is a potentially very significant and positive development and under the new political management arrangements this type of strategic formal consultation should normally be considered and responded to by a committee.
- 1.4 The extension to New Southgate would reduce journey times to central London, a typical journey to Victoria would fall from 30 to 21 minutes; would provide new interchange opportunities reducing pressure on interchanges elsewhere; support plans for development around the station (currently planned in Enfield as part of the North Circular Road Area Action Plan) and provide an opportunity to further enhance the local area in Barnet; and provide an opportunity to utilise the existing railway land off Oakleigh Road South for the Crossrail 2 depot and sidings.
- 1.5 Ward Councillors have received a detailed written briefing on the indicative proposals for the new station and depot to date, which can be expected to be refined and worked up in a greater level of detail should the outcome of this consultation be positive. The Crossrail 2 station is currently proposed to be located on an island platform at the southern end of the existing station on the Enfield side of the railway lines. A new over-track building is proposed to provide a connection between the existing and new platforms.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To help ensure that Barnet benefits from the future delivery of Crossrail 2 by supporting the proposed extension to New Southgate.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 No alternative options are considered to be worth exploring at this time. The consultation is to consider the proposal for a short extension of the Crossrail 2 route from Alexandra Palace to New Southgate. The alternative would be not to have such an extension.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If approved the draft response in Appendix 1 will be submitted to TfL. It is anticipated that feedback from the consultation will then inform the safeguarding consultations, anticipated in the autumn and, should the New Southgate extension be pursued, more consultation on the detailed proposals would be expected in summer 2015.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013 – 2016 states in its strategic objectives that it will work with local partners to Create the right environment to promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough. In particular the Council will maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough. The plan also acknowledges that the future success of the borough depends on effective transport networks.

- 5.1.2 As we look to the future, the council is committed to creating the environment for growth in the local economy. Investment in regeneration and development is an essential driver for growth, creating jobs, reinvigorating communities and improving living standards. We have four priorities: regenerating priority areas; improving skills and employment opportunities; engaging with businesses; and providing infrastructure to support growth.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 There are minor resource implications arising from this report, in terms of officer time required to deal with the consultation and any input that may be required in the next 12 months, during which time more detailed work is expected to be carried out by Crossrail 2. It is expected that resource requirements can be contained within the existing revenue budget.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 LB Barnet is responding to the consultation as the proposed scheme, if implemented would be expected to have a significant impact on the New Southgate part of the borough.
- 5.3.2 The Council's Constitution (Responsibly For Functions, Annex A) gives the Environment Committee certain responsibilities related to transport and traffic management including agreement of the London Transport Strategy Local Implementation Plan.
- 5.3.3 Any decision required to be taken by the Council emerging from the consultation process will be considered in terms of the Council's legal powers and obligations (including, the public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010) and, where appropriate, mechanisms put into place to ensure

compliance with legal obligations and duties and to mitigate any other legal risks as far as possible.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 There would be a reputational risk if LB Barnet does not respond to the consultation or become involved in further dialogue. These can be fully addressed through this report and by officers continuing to be involved in close and collaborative working with TfL.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 Extending Crossrail 2 to New Southgate would improve access to jobs and services in central London and beyond for local residents in Barnet. It is hoped that the trains and station infrastructure will be fully accessible, but a more detailed Equalities Impact Assessment would be expected to be undertaken by Crossrail 2 once further design work has been undertaken, and officers will scrutinise this at the appropriate time.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 This is a response to a consultation being undertaken and led by Transport for London (TfL). There is no intention to undertake any separate consultation at this time. Future proposals that arise from this consultation may require LBB to undertake further consultation.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Full details including the 2013 consultation report and the response to issues raised for the 2013 consultation can be found on the TfL consultation website at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/crossrail/2>.

APPENDIX 1 – DRAFT RESPONSE TO CROSSRAIL 2 ONLINE CONSULTATION

Note: only questions relevant to LB Barnet are listed below. Other questions relate to respondents details or elements of Crossrail 2 outside Barnet

Question 1 – Did you take part in the 2013 consultation on Crossrail 2?

Proposed response:
“Yes”

Question 2 – If yes, did you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose, or have no view for the principle of Crossrail 2?

Proposed response:
“Strongly support”

Question 3 – Considering the options in this consultation, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose, or have no view for the principle of Crossrail 2?

Proposed response:
“Strongly support”

Question 4 – Do you agree with the extended route from Alexandra Palace to New Southgate?

Proposed response:
“Yes”

Question 5 – Please let us know if you have any comments about this particular proposal here.

Proposed Comments about New Southgate

“The London Borough of Barnet welcomes and fully endorses the proposed extension to New Southgate. This would provide a reduction in journey time to central London and improve the access to jobs and services for local people. Extending Crossrail 2 to New Southgate would provide an excellent opportunity to regenerate this part of the borough, and provide better opportunities for interchange with other modes, particularly bus, where a future review of the existing service pattern focused on New Southgate would help to maximise the improved accessibility.”

Q10 – If you have any comments regarding other aspects of this consultation please use the text box here.

Proposed response:

“The London Borough of Barnet welcomes this consultation and looks forward to working with all our partners in delivering this project as soon as possible.”