

Subject: East Sussex Stakeholder Event

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All,

Now that the slides for this event have arrived, I can write my report. I did not know that there was an Enterprise Centre at Flimwell; as you approach the traffic lights at Flimwell from Hastings, there is a small car dealership on the left followed by the entrance to Tate Fencing. The centre is down this track. It is largely made out of wood with a parabolic roof! This roof has skylights which are in need of cleaning. The acoustics were not good coupled with my poor hearing meant I could hear the speakers okay but not the question and answers that followed.

The slides speak for themselves, you will notice from the slides that there was some audience participation regarding potholes. There was also an exercise where we were split up into teams of five and each team had to decide which of the three road projects before us we would spend our limited budget upon?

The three schemes are:

- Freight corridor: that needs resurfacing before the sub base gets damaged. Simple job could be done quickly and cleanly with minimal fuss.
- Commuter corridor: complex and messy site, buses, shops and residents. Will require night working, extra cost.
- Rural connector: poor drainage poor sub-base, high risk of overrun due to unforeseen drainage problems.

Each participant took on a role, the roles were: Highway engineer (me), Commercial manager, Asset manager, Communications manager. After we were allowed to discuss the various options a curved ball was dropped in the form of a social media from the local MP supporting the commuter corridor and was gaining traction.

Which would you choose? I will ask you at the next PC meeting.

Regards,
Peter