

Engineering Board update – June 2019

At its meeting on Friday 7th June at the Department for Transport's offices at Great Minster House, the ADEPT Engineering Board considered the following:

- The thoughts of the outgoing President, Neil Gibson, on his year in office, the successes and the challenges that lay ahead.
- A presentation by the Board's Chair, Mark Stevens, on how Suffolk County Council has developed a 'Community Self-Help Scheme' that enables local parish and town councils to carry out work within the highway (but not on the road itself or involving any excavation) to enhance the local environment. Other board members indicated how they had either considered or carried out similar schemes in their areas and the issues that they had encountered. It was concluded that developing some common understanding on this would be beneficial to all ADEPT members, perhaps aggregated through the Future Highways Research Group work.
- The positive start made on reviewing the former CSS Commuted Sums advice note, given that this was produced over a decade ago. It was agreed that further work should be done on creating an updated version of the advice note.
- An update from the Department for Transport on the Transport Select Committee inquiry into Local Roads Funding and Governance, a change of Minister for Transport (Jesse Norman MP to Michael Ellis MP), the potential for further changes, post-Brexit, the support for the Live Labs work and better understanding local road condition and the associated issues round funding (and the potential for change and simplification).