

ADEPT Engineering Board
11 July 2025: 10.00hrs – 13.00hrs via Teams
Meeting notes & actions

Attendees:

Name:	Initials	Representing
Mark Stevens (Chair)	MS	Haringey Council
Kathy Moore (note taker)	KMo	Haringey Council
Andrew Loosemore	AL	Kent County Council
Andrew Tatt	AT	Rutland County Council
Bill Mamby	BM	East Riding Council
Chris McKee	CM	Department for Transport
Emily See	ES	Amey
Gary McDonnell	GM	Essex County Council
Graeme Kane	GK	North Northants County Council
Hannah Bartram	HB	ADEPT
Jane Young	JY	Surrey County Council
Jayne Black	JBL	Cheshire West Council
Jeremy Wiggin	JW	Norfolk County Council
Karl Melville	KM	Cumberland
Keith Harwood	KH	Hertfordshire County Council
Malcolm Fairhurst	MF	Bolton Council
Nick Henstock	NH	West Northants County Council
Pat Clarke	PC	Leicestershire County Council
Peter Massie	PM	Essex Highways
Robert Richards	RR	Devon County Council
Simon Jeffrey	SJ	Local Government Association
Steve Birdsall	SB	Gaist
Stephen Child	SC	SMC Consultancy

Apologies:

Carl Skelton	CS	East Riding Council
Kylie Russell	KR	ADEPT
David Hughes	DH	Cumbria LEP
John Monk	JM	Lincolnshire County Council
Julian Gould	JG	Derbyshire County Council
Keith Tovee	KTo	Essex County Council
Kevin Townley	KT	Norfolk County Council
Andrew Warrington	AW	Arcadis

Items	Topics for Discussion	Action by
1.	<p>Welcomes and introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies noted (listed above). 	
2.	<p>Honours Nominations (Awards) Chris McKee (DfT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM reviewed presentation explaining the process for submitting nominations. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides to be circulated with meeting notes/actions 	KM
3.	<p>Introduction of drone use cases – John McKenna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huw gave introduction and John shared his presentation. MS clarified that, although he believed that the use of drones had been looked at by the Bridges Working Group, their increased usage warranted consideration by the wider Engineering Board. 	
4.	<p>DfT data versus GAIST data report – Steve Birdsall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB shared presentation which indicated a considerable disparity with what the DfT currently reports. MS had met with SB, HB and Ann Carruthers (Leics CC) on this and MS felt the Engineering Board should be advised. From MS’s perspective, the results SB showed were consistent with some research that MS had conducted a few years ago with Steve Gooding and Ivo Wengraf at the RAC Foundation. That showed significant clustering at the top end of amber, but did not quite hit red. It had been mentioned to the DfT, but nothing happened at that time. For that reason, MS had spoken positively about the move to PAS2161 as he felt that this would back up that earlier research. MS had agreed to work with SB in talking to the DfT about this. Questions were also raised around street works and the generating defect report provided 	
5.	<p>PIARC (formally World Road Association):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS went through a presentation given at a recent UK Roads Leadership Group meeting. MS encouraged Engineering Board to use the wealth of information held from studies across the world in refining delivery of local services. MS also flagged that there were plenty of opportunities for ADEPT members to get involved in the PIARC working groups – which did not need to be limited to Board members. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation to be circulated with meeting notes 	KM

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	Standing items	
6.	DfT update: PPR2062 Well Managed Highways Infrastructure Code of Practice update May 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC updated the Board on questions which were raised at a meeting on 10 July 2025 regarding this. • MS shared email received from DfT as part of UKRLG – this clarified the intention to review and update the Code of Practice. 	
7.	Future Highways Research Group update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representation from Proving Services. MS suggested that this be removed as a standing agenda item and anything emerging from the FHRG be brought up on an ad hoc basis. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM to remove from agenda 	KM
8.	National Bridge Working Group update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen wasn't included in the invite so no update available. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Helen is included in future meeting invites. 	KM
9.	Soils and Materials Design & Specification Group update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes circulated ahead of meeting which Steve then went through. 	
10.	Street lighting Group update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update – Keith out of office 	
11.	UKRLG/ADEPT Asset Management Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from Neil • 	
12.	Future items for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None suggested 	
13.	Minutes of meeting 11 April 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and agreed previous minutes 	
14.	Diary for future meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 October 2025 	
15.	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS announced he is stepping down as Chair of ADEPT Engineering Board after 7 years and 8 years before that as Secretary. He has previously had conversations with James Bailey who is currently deputy chair about taking on Chair role. MS would follow this up as James appeared to currently be on leave. If anyone else was interested in taking on the role, then they should take this opportunity to declare an interest!! • Board members thanked MS for his hard work and dedication for the last 18 years. • 	

Next meeting: Friday 10th October 2025 10.00 to 13.00