

Transport Issues

Sustainable transport is the aim of both CPRE and the Society and with this in mind *Mike Cook* representing the Society, and CPRE's *Adam Royle* and *Ralph Smyth* attended a meeting at Portcullis House in London to meet with *Peter Aldous, MP* for Waveney, and *Dan Poulter, MP* for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, to discuss how CPRE might add to the knowledge of how people living in the more rural areas use transport, and how railway usage could better support the travel network.

Support for the Beccles railway loop, with various funding options; the importance of the Ipswich bacon chord rail track to the economy; road and rail services to London and their connection with the Olympics site at Stratford; and the importance of the Felixstowe-Nuneaton up-graded railway line were all topics for discussion. Other matters considered were encouragement for better community access for public transport through ease-of-use car parking and with appropriate small-scale design improvements at rural railway stations.

Complaints by users of overcrowding and lateness on the National Express East (NXEA) line had been registered and it was noted that the Government was studying how to make improvements when considering the future contract lettings to prospective franchisees, which was likely to include NXEA, the current contract holder.

On **road transport** the regional budget will be reduced but the intended work to dual the remaining single carriage part of the A11 will proceed.