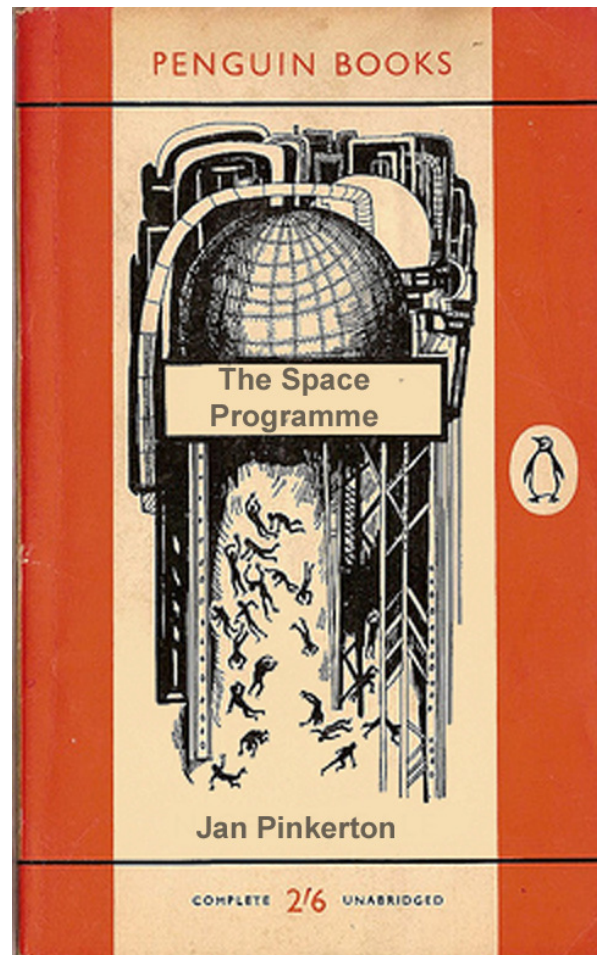


The Space Programme

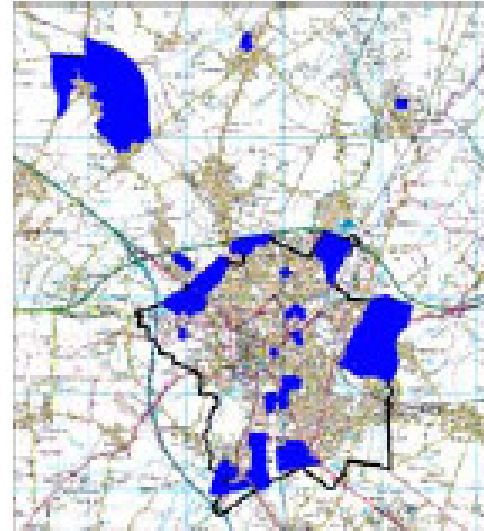


The Space Programme – What is it?

- A project to encourage flexible working in the public sector
- Shared Premises And Communications Environment:
 - Encouraging teleworking (especially home working but also hotdesking) in Public Sector Organisations across the region
 - Sharing Public Sector Office Space (the Virtual Public Sector Office) by allowing staff to reserve hotdesk space in participating organizations
 - To pioneer the use of shared, co operative working environments
 - Mapping the County's Public Sector Travel to Work plans to see where it is best to place shared office facilities in the future
- Pilot programme currently being initiated

The Space Programme – Why do it?

- Significant growth planned in Cambridgeshire
 - 61,900 new homes in Cambridge sub region between 2001 and 2021, the majority of which will be in or around Cambridge
 - Additional 20,530 morning peak trips in Cambridge by 2021
 - Expected
 - 84% increase in junction delay
 - 30% increase in distance travelled
 - 46% increase in travel time
 - Increasing accidents, pollution and CO2 emissions



The Space Programme – Why do it?

- In many ways, the public sector *could* be one of the easier environments in which to encourage the growth of flexible working.
- The results could be of enormous significance
 - 147,660,000 miles per year reduction in travel (7.38m journeys) - close to the yearly increase in vehicle mileage across the region.
 - Substantially reduced carbon emissions and traffic congestion.
- There needs to be a progression
 - Countywide Public Sector Initiatives leading to
 - Regional Public Sector Initiatives leading to
 - Initiatives which include Third and Private Sectors Organisations

The Space Programme – How to do it?

- The programme will invest in:
 - A consolidated, county wide public sector travel database to aid decision making when office planning
 - A pool of hotdesks in public sector offices that can be booked online by users on a central reservation system
 - A software and communications environment that will aid the construction of virtual offices spread over different physical premises and facilitate distributed working practices
 - A scaleable project that can be extended across the region (and beyond)

Frequently Asked Questions - 1

- Question: The ICT Department in my organisation does not allow outsiders access to our IT systems. How can we then accommodate workers from other public sector organisations?
- *Answer: Many organisations provide Wifi connections to the Internet for visitors to access the internet without the visitors gaining access to their core systems. This should be sufficient for our purposes.*
- *Failing this, it would be possible to install a dedicated broadband line plus wireless router for the use of outsiders. This has the advantage that it can also be used as a backup line if there are communications problems on the organisations main network.*

Frequently Asked Questions - 2

- Question: My employer encourages working from home, why would I want to go to another public sector office in order to work?
- *Answer: Whilst working from home is an attractive proposition for many, others will find that for a variety of reasons this is not possible.*
- *Being able to work from the most convenient location (irrespective of which public sector organisation owns it) is therefore an ideal scenario for these staff.*

Frequently Asked Questions - 3

- Question: How will you handle physical security?
- *Answer: All staff working in the premises of a different public sector organisation will have to be registered, together with their photographs, in the Online Booking System and only those staff who have valid bookings should be let onto the premises.*

Frequently Asked Questions - 4

- Question: Is this one of those projects where EEDA just provides the money to get the thing started and then leaves it up to other public sector organisations to foot the bill when the pilot is finished?
- *Answer: Most emphatically Yes.*
- *It is anticipated that the project will actually save money*

Frequently Asked Questions - 5

- Question: Where can I get more information?
- Answer: Contact:

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