



**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership (NP3)**

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting
Tuesday 1st May 2012, W-O-T Academy**

Present: Alan Aburrow (Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Jenny Hodges (BCC Equalities Rep), Andrew McGrath (NP Area Co-ordinator), Mike Batten, Hilary & Bill Long, Philippa Gardom, Sheila Preece, Terry Miller, David Glasson, Mike Rodway, Debbie Hill & Liz Bennett (parents of children at WOT Academy), Jeff Bishop & Janet Brewer (Westbury Park Traffic Group), Alan Berridge (BCC Traffic Management)

NP3 Ward Reps: Gay Huggins (SB), Alan Preece (SB), David Mayer (WOT), Simon Tomlinson (HEN) Dennis Brown (HEN).

Apologies: Tony Hoare, Stephanie French, Julian Carey, Cheryl Hawkins, Cllr Alastair Watson

Alan Aburrow welcomed all present. The Notes from the previous Meeting held on 16 January 2012 were agreed, without amendment.

1. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Alan Berridge reported that Bristol had got through the second round of funding but are still waiting to hear anything further. If we get through, some of the money is earmarked towards 20mph speed limits across the City and some will come to the NP. He also mentioned the Council's Major Capital Stimulus money coming to the NP for transport-related schemes. Terry Miller had heard mention of £150,000 for the City Centre but no further details were available.

Alan Berridge was asked if the 20mph scheme was a complete roll-out across all roads or only side roads rather than trunk roads. He was not able to answer this but residents would be consulted.

2. GBBN - Whiteladies Road/Westbury Road (A4014)

This was still incomplete. Bill Long asked when the authorities intended to re-establish the two traffic lanes on Westbury Road on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout as this was causing long tail-backs and was a disaster. The temporary traffic lights in North View, together with the new water main works, were adding to the problems. It was felt that it was still early days of the scheme and it will be reviewed by GBBN after 12 months. It was suggested that Bill Long contact the GBBN Team to report his concerns. David Mayer agreed it was not working and it was suggested we register our concerns and Simon Tomlinson proposed we start an "Issues Log" on this. Alan Preece asked for the cycle lane on Westbury Park to be removed. The parking review on this road was still outstanding and cyclists had found this new layout useful. Hilary Long said that she had, in the past, told Bristol City Council that a "Park & Ride" was needed in North Bristol for people coming in from the motorways and the northern outskirts but this had not been taken up. Cribbs Causeway was in South Glos, so not within our remit. Alan Aburrow agreed to write a letter to the GBBN Team outlining the group's concerns.

3. Current Highway Issues

Alan Aburrow pointed out that we only have approximately £28K in our devolved budget and he had prepared a concise list of Highway issues which needed to be prioritised, for possible implementation

in 2012/13. A copy of the list is appended to these Notes, updated to take account of the points raised during the Meeting's deliberations.

The following issues were reviewed:

H105 (Coldharbour Road area) – New parking restrictions were currently being progressed and should be implemented by September (from last year's budget).

H112 (Westbury Road, near Brecon Road) – An additional Zebra Crossing had been requested but its necessity will be reviewed as part of the expansion of the St Ursula's School site. David Glasson asked for the Zebra Crossings at the top of Falcondale Road to be added to our Highway Issues list for review.

H114 (Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose) – This is a problem of pedestrian safety with vehicles entering/exiting the car park over a pavement. There are approximately 40,000 vehicle movements per week. After much discussion, Alan Berridge was asked to draw up some plans for this area with design and movement counts, at a cost of £2k.

H115 (Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco) – Similar problem to H114. Alan Berridge was asked to review, again at cost of £2K.

H117 (Henleaze Road/Northumbria Drive mini roundabout) – Repainting of road markings had recently been completed and a possible solution for traffic calming would be to build out the pavements to re-shape the junction. A design study would cost £4K, with implementation costing approx. £20K. However, this may be unnecessary if a 20mph speed limit is implemented in this area.

H118 (Park Grove) – Low usage does not warrant a Zebra Crossing but pavement build-outs may provide a practical solution. It would need a design study and a subsequent local consultation, at a cost of £3.5K. The school may contribute to implementation once this was completed.

H119 (Howard Road) – Complaint about speeding but this was to be put on hold to see if local, City-wide, 20mph limits would be implemented.

H120 (Westbury Park area) – Any Resident Parking Permit Schemes would be reviewed as part of an on-going City-wide initiative.

RANKING: 1 – H114 (£2K), 2 – H115 (£2K), 3 – H118 (£3.5K), 4 – H117 (£4K).

S106 (Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road) – Additional parking restrictions had been requested by the Downs Committee and bus operators. There was the possibility of some external funding from public transport operators, as this included a bus route. It was suggested that passing places should be included in Circular Road. Cost of £3K for consultation and subsequent TRO.

S107 (Kewstoke Road) – Double yellow lines outside the Village Hall had been added to a TRO currently being progressed, at no additional cost.

S108 (West Dene) – Problem seems to have eased as cones had been placed to stop bad parking at the junctions, so it was decided to put this issue on hold and review as necessary.

S110 (Parry's Lane/Abbey Gate) – A review of parking restrictions will be included with W112.

S111 & S113 (Cook's Folly Road & Seawalls Road) – A review of parking restrictions will be included with S106.

S114 (Stoke Road/Saville Road) – Additional parking restrictions on Stoke Road, approaching the traffic lights were essential to alleviating the current congestion. Also, double yellow lines should be included opposite the junction with Ladies Mile, which would also give a passing place on Stoke Road. Cost £2.5K for a TRO.

RANKING: 1 – S114 (£2.5K), 2 – S106 (£3K).

W101 (Passage Road/Greystoke Avenue junction) – Data from a recent traffic survey should be available by the end of May. However, the cost for implementing any improvements would probably be in the order of £70-£80K.

W105 (Falcondale Road) – Recent traffic counts on this road have enabled the phasing of the traffic lights to be optimised to improve traffic flow. Discussion took place on the possibility of including an additional pedestrian refuge near the Greystoke Avenue junction (**W119**). It was felt that the results from the traffic counts should be tabled before any further progress can be made.

W108 (High Street) – Pedestrianisation (or part-pedestrianisation) was not within the budget of the NP and was put on hold until any plans were publicised. Hilary Long asked what progress had been made and, as far as we were aware, no shopkeepers had been formally consulted by SUSWOT with their proposals. She said she would get the Westbury-on-Trym Society involved. Mike Rodway said pedestrianisation could kill the shops but others took the opposite view.

W109 (Eastfield Road) – Footway improvements at the top of Waters Lane would cost approx £10K. This would improve safety for pedestrians and include a dropped kerb crossing at the Village Hall. As the Hall was used a great deal for weddings, events, etc, the Village Hall Committee should be consulted on any proposals. Users of the Hall needed to be able to unload their vehicles safely, without causing obstructions. A Design Study and consultation would cost approx £3K.

W112 (Stoke Lane Parking Review) –Mike Rodway asked if the review covered the area around the shops as he had established from shopkeepers that they were NOT in favour of parking restrictions. Primarily, the review was aimed at achieving safer parking at the junctions with Falcondale Road, Parry's Lane and some side roads, such as Great Brockeridge. There would be a consultation and Alan Berridge emphasised that the shopkeepers must respond in order to voice their concerns or objections at the consultation stage. The review and consultation would cost approx £4K.

W114 (Chock Lane) – Concerns were expressed over the possible installation of a speed hump at the bottom of the road. The adjacent buildings were old and could be affected by vibration, as well as the noise. It was felt that all that could be done had been done and this issue would now be put on hold.

W115/W116 (Great Brockeridge & Reedley Road) – Would be included with W112.

W117 (Southmead Road) – The cost of a feasibility study for a Zebra Crossing near Alexandra Road would cost £1K, with a matching contribution of £1K from NP4.

W118 (Henbury Road, pavement parking) – This is a grey area, with parking restrictions difficult to enforce. For £1K, steel demarcation studs could be installed to show exactly where the pavement is.

W119 (Falcondale Road) – A pedestrian crossing may be necessary near Greystoke Ave as the number of pupils attending the new Free School increases.

RANKING: 1 – W112 (£4K), 2 – W109 (£3K), 3 – W118 (£1K), 4 – W117 (£1K).

4. Maintenance Issues

All road surface dressing schemes have been agreed by the Council and, at the last NP Meeting, it was agreed that the footways in Stoke Grove, Glen Drive and part of Springfield Grove would be resurfaced. However, Glen Drive may be put on hold due to possible flood relief work in the area.

5. AOB

1. Simon Tomlinson asked for the Limes Trees Road roundabout to be added to the Highway Issues list, due to problems with vehicles exiting Tesco's site in conflict with traffic entering The Furlongs.
2. It was requested that the timing of these meetings could be moved to start at 7pm to make it easier for parents with young children to attend.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will include the Annual General Meeting and will be on Thursday 26th July 2012.