



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

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting
Monday 16 January 2012, W-O-T Academy**

Present: Alan Aburrow (Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Stephanie French, Kate Hoare, Mike Batten, Julian Carey (WOT Business Ass'n), Peter Hobbs, Sheila Preece, Sue Mayer, Terry Miller, David Glasson, Janet Brewer (Westbury Park Traffic Group), Alan Berridge (BCC Traffic Management) and Mark Sperduty (BCC Area Manager, Traffic).

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

Apologies: Jenny Hodges, Tony Hoare, Philippa Gardom, Hilary Long, Cheryl Hawkins.

Alan Aburrow welcomed all present and introduced Mark Sperduty to the Working Group. The Notes from the previous Meeting on the 13 October were agreed. Terry Miller pointed out that the Bristol Water spokesperson mentioned in AOB had not been to the November Henleaze Forum meeting but will be attending the Forum on 2nd February.

1. Local Sustainable Transport Fund: Alan Aburrow had sent a letter of support in December (copies circulated) which he had written with Tony Hoare and Simon Tomlinson. There was no other feedback and further updates on the progress of the funding application will be known in June.

2. GBBN: revised proposals for the re-siting of the bus stop on Falcondale Road had been received and copies of the proposal had been circulated. Various areas of the GBBN work were discussed and we were advised that a safety audit will take place as soon as work has been completed. We were advised to report any operational problems to the bus company.

Information on the new ticket system (which was causing problems) should be advertised on bus stops and notice boards. Mark Sperduty agreed to investigate.

Work in Canford Lane was complete and it was up to Parking Services to implement the new parking restrictions. Julian Carey said the LOADING BAYS were NOT working and when challenged, the wardens told him they had to wait 15 minutes before issuing a ticket. Mark Sperduty refuted this and would take this back to Parking Services.

Janet Brewer mentioned the dangers to cyclists on Whiteladies Road - by the Territorial Army headquarters and Clifton Down. Pavements have been built out and at night these were difficult for cyclists to see. Mark Sperduty said that posts would be installed with reflectors. The work is still to be completed.

It was felt that more information needed to be published and it was thought that the GBBN Team should issue a leaflet to those living on the routes. There was due to be a Press Launch tomorrow (Tuesday 17th Jan) advising Bristolians of a newly commissioned Council vehicle that will photograph any vehicle committing parking offences, with a view to issuing penalty tickets to offenders.

3. Current Highway Issues

The following issues were reviewed:

H102 (Linden Road junction with Coldharbour Road) – this is waiting for dropped kerb work to be completed and this should be finished by the end of March.

H104 (Wimbledon Road, Twickenham Road, Phoenix Grove) – the extent of proposed parking restrictions has been agreed and should be implemented this summer.

H105 (Coldharbour Road area) – consultation on parking restrictions completed and next step will be to respond to residents and advise them of the results; possibly March.

S101 & S109 (Shirehampton Road) – consultation on parking restrictions completed and next step will be to respond to residents and advise them of the results; this will follow on from H105.

S103 (Old Sneed Ave/Stoke Hill) – Original BCC proposals were rejected at last SB Forum meeting. The only change now proposed is for the white line on the corner to be changed to double yellow lines and extend by ONE CAR LENGTH ONLY.

S104 (Roman Way/Portway) – This major project has been completed, except for a bit of lining work. Concerns were raised that the 902 bus is not pulling into the bus bay and causing traffic flow to be blocked. This observation will be fed back to the bus company.

S113 (Seawalls Road) – advisory white lines have been painted at the Seawalls junction and additional lines could be introduced in the area.

W101 (Passage Road/Greystoke Ave junction) – supporting traffic counts have been completed. However, the IT Dept had lost the data, so the counts will have to be repeated (at no extra cost to the NP!). Cameras are currently in position for the work. The siting of the new free School in the area could result in traffic schemes being necessary at this junction.

W102 (Parry's Lane) – the Zebra Crossing will be completed by the end of the financial year.

W103 (Southfield Rd) – Notices about the proposed parking restrictions have been posted in the area, prior to a TRO being raised.

W105 (Falcondale Rd) – A review of the traffic light sequencing is currently being undertaken and the results will be fed back to the Working Group when they've been assessed.

W112 (Stoke Lane) – Alan Berridge reported that he had had no chance to look at the parking restriction review yet, so it would be carried forward to the next financial year.

NEW – Stephanie French raised the issue of the inadequate length of the double yellow lines at the traffic lights at the Stoke Road/Stoke Hill junction, which were not long enough to help the flow of traffic. It was reported that these lines were originally proposed to be the full length of the two-lane section but had been reduced in length following intervention by the SB Councillors. It would need a new TRO to extend them, at a cost of approx £2,500 (+ paint!).

4. Priorities for Next Financial Year

The following issues were debated/considered for implementation in 2012/13:

H112 (Westbury Rd) - Discussion took place regarding the provision of an additional zebra crossing on Westbury Road, near Brecon Road. However, there are already two crossings close to the site and a new one would cost at least £25,000 which would commit the whole of the devolved annual budget for the NP's minor traffic schemes! A school crossing patrol person was suggested but they are hard to find and there were lots of vacancies around Bristol. When plans come in to develop St Ursula's School, the roads will be looked at and, in addition, the safety of the crossing on the top of Westbury Hill will be monitored.

There were also safety concerns for the zebra crossing on Henleaze Road by the Nat West bank, the exits from Waitrose and Tesco Express which both crossed pavements. They were very difficult to

change (pedestrians have the right of way). Waitrose have done all they can with signage to advise customers when exiting the site.

S103 (Old Sneed Ave junction with Stoke Hill) – implement parking restrictions, following final consultation with near neighbours.

S106/S111/S113 (Rockleaze, Downleaze, Circular Road and surrounding areas) – New TRO's for parking restrictions would help sort out traffic problems in the area. However, The Downs Committee was not supportive of parking restrictions and would not provide financial support.

S107 (Kewstoke Rd junction with Stoke Hill) – this was considered too dangerous a junction to build out the pavements. It was decided not to move forward on this one unless it was raised at the SB Open Forum and it would then be discussed. However, parking restrictions could help.

S108 (West Dene) – inconsiderate parking has, on recent occasions, been particularly bad. Parking restrictions are really necessary on the West Dene junction with Coombe Lane. Photographic evidence was already available and more was requested.

S110 (Abbey Gate junction with Parry's Lane) – to be included with W112 (below).

W101 (Passage Road junction with Greystoke Ave) – extent (and cost) of any work will depend on the results of the current survey (see Item 3, above).

W105 (Falcondale Road) – any proposals to rephrase the traffic lights will be dependent on the results from the current survey (see Item 3, above).

W109 (Eastfield Rd, at top of Waters Lane) – pavement improvement have already been costed at approx £10k and would include a better crossing point for the Village Hall.

W112/W115/W116/S110 (Stoke Lane, Great Brockeridge, Reedley Road and Abbey Gate area) – a parking restriction review, public consultation and subsequent TRO could all be combined in one scheme.

W114 (Chock Lane) – the “Walking Bus” to Westbury School was becoming more popular. Moving a proposed speed hump further up the hill could cause problems. Speeding vehicles were an on-going problem, without an obvious solution, in a road subject to high volumes of traffic.

W118 (Henbury Road) – There are problems with parked vehicles obstructing the pavement opposite No 20 Henbury Road, forcing pedestrians to walk in a busy main road. The precise demarcation of the pavement is not obvious but could be emphasised, at little cost, by installing a row of metal studs.

5. Maintenance Issues

No proposals had been received from BCC's Traffic management function for footway resurfacing or carriageway surface dressing in the next Financial Year. Once received, the Working Group can prioritise the schemes within the financial constraints of the NP's devolved budget.

6. Meeting Dates for 2012/13

The following dates had been proposed and were agreed by those present: Tuesday 1st May, Thursday 26th July (to include the AGM), Monday 8th October and Tuesday 15th January 2013. Start times would be 6.30pm but venues to be confirmed.

7. AOB

1. The issue of a 20mph speed limit in Westbury village was raised but this is a City-wide issue and currently beyond our remit.
2. The Portway speed limit of 40mph has been extended between Shirehampton and the new Toucan crossing at Roman Way. It is mandatory in both directions.