



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

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting
Tuesday 28th October 2013, W-O-T Academy**

Present: Alan Aburrow (Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Rob Grieve (BCC Highways Engineer), Jenny Hodges (Equalities Rep), Councillor Alastair Watson.

NP3 Ward Reps: Gay Huggins (SB), Alan Preece (SB), Mark Baker (SB), David Mayer (WOT).

Kuljit Randhawa (Safer Routes to School - WoT),

Lionel Hart & Janet Brewer (Westbury Park Traffic Group).

Sheila Preece, Stephanie French, Keith Yeandel, Harvey Logan, Julien Carey, Mike Batten, & Peter Hobbs.

1. Apologies: Andrew McGrath (BCC), Simon Tomlinson (HEN Ward Rep), Hilary Long, Susan Mayer, Terry Miller, Graham Donald. Alan Aburrow welcomed all present and introductions were made.

2. Notes from previous meeting on 25th July 2013: Agreed.

Matters Arising: As raised in AOB, the list of footways in Henleaze with no dropped kerbs has been added to our Highway Issues list (Item H133). Also, funding for the provision of LED halos for the Coldharbour Road Zebra Crossing beacons has been applied for through the NP's Well Being Fund. This issue will be added to the WG's Issues List if this funding bid is unsuccessful.

3. GBBN: A traffic count has still to be undertaken for the Westbury Road section of the bus lane but is unlikely to take place until the end of the year, when the building works at the top of the Blackboy Hill have been completed. The Mayor is then to review the need for this section of bus lane. Proposals for two redesigned bus stops on Southmead Road (near Lake Road) have been put on hold and subject to review.

4. Proposed bus lane on Parry's Lane: A review has taken place. General agreement that the proposals will not achieve anything. The University is willing to put in a variation to the plan and there is a need to look at alternatives. Any ideas welcomed. David Mayer – it is the University's problem, not ours. Peter Hobbs – if Parry's Lane was 20mph there would not be a problem.

5. City-wide 20MPH Rollout Project: Proposals had been presented to the NP last month and to all three NP3 Neighbourhood Forums last week. The proposals were also available on our website (activenp.co.uk) and the Council's website. The current Consultation finished last Friday and we now wait to see the final version. Peter Hobbs – Following Cllr Abraham's statement at the SB Forum, he had done some research on the Plymouth figures and found that the increase in accidents was due to the increase in pedestrians, so he felt it was not a fair point made by Cllr Abraham. In London, casualties had reduced by 40% and for children by 50%. Gay Huggins felt the important thing was road safety education and it was the responsibility of parents to train children. The police are not going to increase their resources but are bringing back driver

education courses for drivers caught speeding. Kuljit Randhawa felt we should increase road safety education in schools.

6. Local Sustainable Transport (LST) Grants: Round 3 had a maximum limit of £3,000 per eligible project but was not for funding any infrastructure projects in this round, such as laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening, etc,. However, it was possible to consider applications for safe routes to schools projects. Alan Aburrow felt we had no current issues which would meet the new criteria, except the possibility of a rumble strip on Chock Lane as a Safe Route to School project (see W114, in Sections 8 & 9, below).

7. Residential Parking Zones: The proposed RPZ border for Redland had been considerably revised – following protests from Westbury Park residents. The majority of Westbury Park was now excluded from the Redland RPZ and residents are now waiting and watching to see the effect of this change when introduced. However, it was a good result, so far.

8. Current Highway Issues: Rob Grieve advised us that contractors, Glamorgan Lining, had been contracted to do the lining work but had not carried out any over the last 3 months. They had been given an ultimatum and had promised to put dedicated gangs on to get work done. This had resulted in delays to lining work for schemes in NP3 where TROs had been approved. David Mayer asked if there was a penalty clause in their contract. Rob was unable to answer this.

a) Progress with sanctioned Minor Traffic Schemes:

H114 – Waitrose: A formal Planning Application from Waitrose, to expand their existing on-site parking facilities, is imminent. These plans will include proposals to upgrade and improve the current entrance/exit.

H115 – Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco: a review is in progress by the Council’s contractor, Halcrow.

H117 – Henleaze Road/Northumbria Drive Junction: review of junction layout in progress by the Council’s contractor, Halcrow (report imminent).

H123 – West Broadway/South Croft Traffic-calming Review: Currently with Halcrow.

H125 – Coldharbour Road Zebra Crossing: scheme preparation in progress.

S101, S103, S106, S107, S109, S115, S116 – all these sanctioned “yellow-lining schemes” in Stoke Bishop are awaiting action by the Council’s contractor (Glamorgan Lining) – see update at the start of this Section.

S106 – Parking Restrictions in Rockleaze, Downleaze, Circular Road: review and consultation in progress. Formal TRO will be progressed following public consultation.

S114 – Stoke Road Junction with Saville Road: review of parking restrictions in progress (by Halcrow), to be followed by formal consultation and application for TRO.

W109 – Eastfield Road (top of Waters Lane): Report detailing proposals for a dropped kerb crossing point and junction realignment to be presented to next NP Meeting in December. Public consultation on the proposals will follow, prior to seeking funding for any capital works.

W112 – Stoke Lane Parking Review (will included some other streets in the area): Proposals are about to go out for public consultation, prior to implementation. Currently, all the proposed measures are constrained to introducing new double yellow lines at road junctions plus replacing existing white-line advisory “no parking” restrictions with enforceable double yellow line restrictions. Local residents will be able to suggest additional parking restrictions as part of the consultation process.

W114 – Chock Lane: a Report detailing all practical traffic-calming options will be presented to the next NP Meeting in December. The Report will include proposals for chicanes and other safety measures. A recent £5k LST Grant will go towards funding some of these improvements. However,

funding for any major improvements has yet to be secured. Discussion took place, such as the suggestion to make Trym Road one-way from the High Street. It was felt by some that the volume of traffic using this route should be reduced. Recent Speed Watch operations had confirmed that a considerable number of vehicles exceeded the current statutory 20mph speed limit.

W117 – Pedestrian Crossing on Southmead Road: a design and feasibility study had been commissioned. The requisite TRO would then be progressed, prior to work commencing next year.

W118 Henbury Road (near junction with High Street): – demarcation studs were now in place to identify the precise extent of the public footway. This would enable parking restrictions to be more easily enforced. Near-neighbours had been advised of these changes.

W122 – Falcondale Road/Henbury Road junction: the traffic lights have been connected to the council's digital phone network, as an aid to faster signal communication with other sets of traffic lights in the area. Traffic-monitoring cameras have yet to be commissioned.

b) Review prioritisation of Minor Traffic Schemes for 2014/15: There is a potential budget of approximately £56K for 2014/15 (i.e. £28K rollover from 2013/14 plus £28K for 2014/15). Alan suggested not committing all funds as at 6 April 2014, but to hold some back to await the outcomes of the current feasibility/design studies, which could require funding for any capital work. He proposed the following new feasibility/design studies:-

H111 – junction of Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and Eastfield Road: design study for remodelling the junction (£4K?). A zebra crossing was not considered practical but it had been rumoured that a Pre-Application for a development in the area could include a crossing.

H127, H128, H129, H130, H131 & H132 –parking restriction review and subsequent TRO (after public consultation) (£5K?) for many road junctions in Henleaze. Possibly include **W130 (Glenwood Road)** in the same review.

S117 – Shirehampton Road: design study (£3k) for crossing point to serve new playground on Stoke Lodge but could be funded from Hiatt Baker S106 money (**Secretary's Note:** it has subsequently been confirmed that the Hiatt Baker S106 money cannot be used to fund this design study).

W114 – Chock Lane: additional traffic calming measures (£?k) - depending on results from current design study and consultation. Could be some funding available from LST Round 3.

W119 & W133 – Falcondale Road/Greystoke Avenue junction: design study for improved junction and crossing points (£4K?).

W121 – Falcondale Road/Westbury Road junction: design study to remodel junction and relocation of current zebra crossings (£4K?).

W134 – Coombe Lane Junction with Canford Lane: design study to remodel junction (£4K?).

These feasibility schemes would total approximately £22K, leaving approximately £34K for any prioritised capital works. There may be some underspend from the schemes currently sanctioned for completion this financial year. All agreed that these outline proposals should be submitted to the December NP for endorsement.

9. Highway Maintenance Issues: footways refurbishment. At the last NP, the Neighbourhood Committee sanctioned £43K for Priory Avenue, Montroy Close, Glen Drive and part of Grange Park. Now a further £19.5K is available for the current (2013/14) financial year. Alan reported that a plea had been made at the recent Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum for Farne Close to be prioritised for refurbishment. Cllr Glenise Morgan had undertaken a survey which indicated, inter alia, that 71% of the households in Farne Close had someone with a walking aid, mobility scooter or pram. Additionally, 47% of the households had residents over 80 years of age. Therefore the "equalities" aspect should be considered when assessing the needs of local residents, as it does

not contribute absolutely in the Council's empirical prioritisation process. All agreed that the budget cost of £12k for refurbishing the footways in Farne Close should be recommended to the next NP, with the balance (£7.5k) being used on Kellaway Avenue (only one side of which is in our NP area), together with any other underspend from this year's budget.

10.A.O.B.

- a) St Ursula's School is holding an open evening on the 6th November, 4 - 8pm, to show their plans for redeveloping and expanding their site. At the last Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum, Kevin Staples had made a plea for new guardrails to be provided at the school gate, as currently there were none. He had been advised to seek funding through the NP's Local Community Small Grants (Well Being) process.
- b) David Mayer mentioned that speeding on Canford Lane had been raised (again) at the recent WoT Neighbourhood Forum and a concerned resident had requested the two-cable type of road count equipment be installed to gather data. What was the cost? Rob Grieve indicated that the cost would be approximately £200 but other methods were available, if a requirement could be demonstrated. Rob agreed to check Council records to ascertain if such information had been recorded previously at this location.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st January 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.