

Extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Henleaze, Stoke Bishop & Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Partnership, held on 22 September 2014

Matters arising (from previous Meeting on 16 June 2014)

20 mph zones and Resident Parking Zones - discussion referred to the roll out of the 20 mph zones/RPZ's and the erroneous implication that the NP had supported both schemes.

The NP agreed the following statement to clarify its position –

'The NP wishes to make it clear that it did not instigate or endorse the introduction of blanket 20mph speed limits in our NP area. The NP has acted as consultee only.

The NP has not instigated the parking consultation in Sneyd Park. For the record the NP supports the view of the 2 ward councillors that the proposals are over engineered and need to be pared back in order to retain the No 40 bus in particular along Stoke Road.

The NP has not called for the end of free parking on The Downs nor has it instigated or requested proposals for a 4 hour maximum stay. It has acted as a consultee only. For the record the NP believes that blanket parking restrictions for all of The Downs are premature and recommends a further consultation in 2015, once the Clifton RPZ schemes have been introduced and have had a chance to bed in.'

Discussion then ensued about the ongoing parking problems on the Downs resulting from RPZ roll out and how this had an impact on the No. 40 bus service. A concern was expressed that parking control proposals for the Downs might have a negative effect on the Stoke Bishop area as commuters and visitors to the Downs sought to park their vehicles wherever they could.

As a result of this discussion it was agreed that the Chair write to Bristol City Council's Strategic Director for Place, Barra Mac Ruairí, and the Assistant Mayor for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Mark Bradshaw, explaining the serious concerns of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

It was also agreed that the Communications Working Group proactively reinforce the message that the Neighbourhood 3 Partnership did not instigate or endorse the RPZ's or 20 mph zones and acted only as a consultee.

Action

- 1. The Chair, David Mayer to write to Bristol City Council's Strategic Director for Place, Barra Mac Ruairí, and the Assistant Mayor for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Mark Bradshaw, explaining the serious concerns of the Neighbourhood Partnership regarding parking control proposals for the Downs and the negative effect this would have on the Stoke Bishop area;**
- 2. The Communication Working Group proactively reinforce the message that the Neighbourhood Partnership did not instigate or endorse the RPZ's or 20 mph zones and acted only as a consultee to the proposals.**

The Member of Parliament for Bristol North West, Charlotte Leslie, offered to help the Neighbourhood Partnership in any way that she could regarding parking on the Downs, traffic issues, the Bristol north fringe development and Green Capital funding and suggested, in the meantime, that members and residents maintain pressure by writing letters, raising petitions either individually or on behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership to the Mayor and the Council to ensure that their voices were heard.