

# Westbury-on-Trym Open Forum, 4 February 2015

## “You said, We did”

### Report on Issues Raised at Previous Open Forum Meetings

Issue	New and On-going Issues
1.1	<p><b>Development(s) being proposed by South Glos Council at Filton Airfield</b></p> <p>Growing concerns locally that proposals could adversely affect traffic in north Bristol, including WoT.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Encourage Bristol councillors and Council officers to be more proactive.</p> <p><b>Update: 02/05/13</b></p> <p>The Mayor has been talking to South Glos Council and there will be a public meeting sometime in May, date to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Update: 04/10/13</b></p> <p>South Gloucestershire Officers are trying to confirm a programme for public engagement covering both the new neighbourhood development framework Supplementary Planning Document and individual developer proposals. The programme is influenced by decisions on the Core Strategy for which the Inspector’s report is now expected in mid-November. Engagement is likely to include informal drop-in events in the autumn and a period (six weeks) of formal consultation on the SPD starting in the New Year. Further details, dates and venues for drop-in events will be advised as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Update: 17/01/14</b></p> <p>South Glos is currently consulting on its Supplementary Planning Document for the development of the area on and around Filton Airfield. Once adopted, this document will inform all developments on the site. There are 4 consultation drop-in events planned in coming weeks and Neighbourhood Partnership officers are also organising a public meeting to enable residents to find out what negotiations BCC is undertaking with S.Glos to ensure that Bristol’s (and its residents) needs are included in the planning for this large development. As soon as the date is secure, it will be widely disseminated across north Bristol.</p> <p><b>Update: 21/03/14</b></p> <p>BCC Officers gave a presentation to invitees from north Bristol at the Greenway Centre on 17th Feb. BCC also submitted a response to South Glos on their proposed SPD by the closing date in February. Notes and comments from the meeting are now with officers. These notes, and the presentations, will be distributed to all attendees.</p> <p><b>Update: 18/09/14</b></p> <p>Our Neighbourhood Partnership has joined with neighbouring NPs in supporting the Metrowest proposals for developing rail links in north Bristol and, in particular, proposals to open the ‘Henbury Loop’ to provide an important rail route to coincide with the new housing developments around the former Filton airfield. The proposals include opening a number of new stations. To achieve this, appropriate funding needs to be secured. The NPs in north Bristol have written to the Mayor (copies available) asking that he respond to the requests in the letter, and that, additionally, he consider the importance of securing the funding to undertake this work prior to the majority of new residents moving in to the new housing.</p> <p><b>Update: 20/01/15</b></p> <p>There is a planned meeting with South Glos in a couple of weeks’ time; if this meeting happens before the Forum then Council Officers will give a verbal update at the Forum.</p>
1.2	<p><b>Toilets in Canford Park</b></p> <p>These are not ‘public’ toilets as such and, due to their location, subject to opening only when a Park Keeper is on Duty. The toilets are primarily for users of the sports facilities.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Officers to explore if toilets can be opened for longer, particularly during school holidays and weekends.</p> <p><b>Update: 04/10/13</b></p> <p>Over the school summer holidays extra funding was secured to keep the toilets open during busy times in the park. This proved to be a success. Now that the holidays are over, funding is being sought that will enable the conversion of the toilets (currently not fully accessible to the public) to enable them to be open more often. The Neighbourhood</p>

	<p>Partnership and officers are exploring a couple of options that may help progress this matter.</p> <p><b>Update: 14/01/14</b></p> <p>Quotes currently being obtained for upgrading the current toilets to make them publicly accessible. These quotes will be put to the HSBWOT Environment Working Group in early February. The Group will then make a formal proposal to the NP. It is assumed that payment for the toilets (if agreed) will be requested from the S106 money currently held by the NP for the Hiatt Baker development on Parry's Lane. The quotes will include ensuring the facilities are vandal-proof; significant drain work; blocking of one wall and flood-prevention works.</p> <p><b>Update: 21/03/14</b></p> <p>£13,741.05 has been allocated by the Neighbourhood Partnership to provide public toilets. Officers are currently working on the details of how the toilets will be managed.</p> <p><b>Update: 18/09/14</b></p> <p>Should be opened in early October</p> <p><b>Update: 20/01/15</b></p> <p>The work was scheduled for completion during w/c 19 January. When Council Officers are satisfied that the work has been completed to the required standards and the self-locking door mechanism is correctly set, the toilets should be open for public access by 31 January.</p>
<p><b>1.3</b></p>	<p><b>Pavement Parking in Westbury Road</b></p> <p>Following on from the apparently successful retrospective Planning Application for the frontages of Nos 138 – 150 to be extended, a request was made that the Highways Dept (Jim Creamer) should critically review the remaining section of footway (not covered by the Planning Application) to ensure that parking arrangements are regularised and, if necessary, legalised.</p> <p>Action: The Chair of the WoT Forum to contact Jim Creamer to progress this issue.</p> <p><b>Update: 16/01/14</b></p> <p>There has been no progress on this matter due to other priorities. It will be reviewed when the outcome of the stopping up application (Issue 1.1, above) is known.</p> <p><b>Update: 19/03/14</b></p> <p>No further progress.</p> <p><b>Update: 18/09/14</b></p> <p>Following receipt of the final Stopping Up Order from the DfT for the area in front of numbers 138 to 150 Westbury Road, the City Council have started the necessary processes to formally adopt the remaining footway areas along Westbury Road as public highway. This will clarify ownership and responsibility of the various areas and will enable any remaining issues over pavement parking to be considered and addressed.</p> <p><b>Update: 20/01/15</b></p> <p>The responsibility is on the local residents that submitted the planning application to either build their new boundaries to the design submitted, or to install studs to denote the boundary between the adopted highway and private land in accordance with their planning conditions. Any double yellow lines would need to be painted along the kerb in the channel of the road as normal and, as they apply to the back edge of the footway, this would cover any pavement parking. However, we would need to have specific reasons why any restrictions are proposed. The presence of the garages and the lack of any significant hazards if people parked sensibly on the road might make this difficult to justify. Normally, any car parked on the access (vehicle crossover) between a boundary wall and the road would more than likely be parked on the highway and could technically be ticketed if there were double yellow lines across it. However, both the Police and Parking Services are unlikely to enforce this if there is still a clear path for pedestrians to pass.</p>
<p><b>1.4</b></p>	<p><b>Fires in Public Waste Bins</b></p> <p>Fires in waste bins near the bus stops by Canford Lane shops are a regular occurrence due to thoughtless smokers and the failure of May Gurney to properly empty the "Fag End Butt" compartment causing it to overflow.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Gary Brentnall to raise the issue with May Gurney.</p> <p><b>Update: 14/01/14</b></p> <p>It has been reiterated to May Gurney the importance of the waste collectors emptying the cigarette butts at the top of the bins as well as the main compartments. On-going</p>

	<p>monitoring required.  <b>Update: 21/03/14</b>  There are continuing reports of problems. Officers will meet with May Gurney to work out a plan for ensuring that fire risk is reduced as much as possible.  <b>Update: 18/09/14</b>  This is an on-going problem. A meeting will be secured with the management of the team of street cleaners operating in the NP area, with a view to agreeing that they all receive appropriate training in how to empty the cigarette shelves at the top of the waste bins. There is evidence that this problem is not restricted to our NP area.  <b>Update: 20/01/15</b>  Council Officers will arrange a suitable date for a site Meeting with their contractors (May Gurney) and interested local residents and traders. The purpose of the Meeting is for May Gurney to witness and fully understand this on-going issue, in order to propose a viable solution.</p>
1.5	<p><b>Dangerous Wall on Henbury Hill</b>  Alastair Watson was asked if he would investigate the dangerous wall on Henbury Hill.  <b>Action:</b> Alastair Watson to report back.  <b>Update: 18/09/14</b>  Verbal update to be given at WoT Forum on 8 October 2014  <b>Update: 20/01/15</b>  All repairs completed. <b>Issue closed</b></p>
1.6	<p><b>Pedestrian Accident on the crossing at the junction of Falcondale Rd and Westbury Rd</b>  Following an accident, involving a young girl, calls were made to improve pedestrian safety at the crossing. These would be investigated and implemented, where practical with the funds currently available. An Accident Investigation Report from the Police was not yet available.  <b>Update: 20/01/15</b>  The Street Lighting Team has visited and checked the crossing and all the beacons are now functioning. A warning sign has been erected on the southbound approach. Northbound is adequately signed. It has not proved as easy as we thought to amend the zigzag markings and to do so we will need to look at resurfacing to eradicate the existing markings (southbound approach) before we can remark the length we want. We are currently looking at the extent and cost of surfacing and checking with Maintenance if there is any way we can tie this into their programme. HFS would need to be carried out in the spring and would also be dependent on the outcome of the resurfacing options.</p>
1.7	<p><b>Provision of Seating at Bus Stop on Canford Lane</b>  A request for the inclusion of a "perch seat" at this site (near Hutton Close) has been made for the elderly travelling to Southmead Hospital for appointments etc, and to Westbury Village. Alan Aburrow agreed to progress such provision with the appropriate BCC Officers.  <b>Update: 20/01/15</b>  It is anticipated that this bus shelter will be replaced as part of the 5 year bus shelter replacement project. In order to provide a shelter with a seat it is likely that the pavement would need widening or an alternative location found for the bus stop, potentially the lay-by approximately 150 metres to the east. The Council is currently in the planning stages of the bus shelter replacement project and it is anticipated that works will commence in the summer.</p>