



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

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015, W-O-T Academy**

**Present:** Alan Aburrow (AA)(Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Rob Grieve (RG)(BCC Highways Engineer), Cllr Alastair Watson, Cllr Glenise Morgan, Andrew McGrath (BCC Neighbourhood Coordinator)

**NP3 Ward Reps:** Gay Huggins (GH)(SB), Alan Preece (AP)(SB), Peter Robottom (PR)(SB), David Mayer (DM)(WOT), Graham Donald (GD)(Co-opted), Helen Furber (HF)(HEN), Stephanie French (SF)(Co-opted NP "Tree Champion")

**Other attendees:** Sheila Preece, Julian Carey (JC)(WOTBA), Janet Brewer (Westbury Park traffic), Mildred Miller (Hen/Westbury Park traffic), Jennifer Stirratt (JS)

**1. Apologies:** Maggie Clarke (HEN Rep), Jenny Hodges (NP Equalities Rep), Charlotte Leslie (MP), Hilary Long (WotSoc), Terry Miller, Keith Yeandel, Sue Mayer, Ken Clarke  
Alan Aburrow welcomed everyone and, as the NP Ward Rep Elections had taken place since the last meeting, he introduced Peter Robottom - who had been elected for Stoke Bishop. He also thanked Jennifer Stirratt for standing-in for Jenny Hodges.

**2. Transport Working Group AGM**

**2.1 The Terms of Reference** needed to be updated as follows:-

1. Change title to read "September 2015".
  2. Under "Membership", remove Mark Runacres' name as the Police contact (as he has moved on) and substitute "local Neighbourhood Manager".
- All the changes were agreed.

**2.2 Appointment of Ward Representatives:** Maggie Clarke for Henleaze (Helen Furber was her proxy for this meeting), Peter Robottom for Stoke Bishop and Alan Aburrow for Westbury-on-Trym.

**2.3 Appointment of Chairman:** Alan Aburrow was prepared to continue. David Mayer proposed; seconded by Alan Preece.

**2.4 AOB:** None.

**3. Notes from previous Meeting, 29 April 2015**

Agreed, subject to amending the designation of Charlotte Leslie to "prospective parliamentary candidate", rather than "prospective MP".

**Matters Arising:**

1) Minor Traffic Schemes Budget over/underspend – Mark Sperduty is still working on the historical outturn for the previous 5 years. RG suggested that in the interim, we should move forward into 2015/16 with the NP's unringfenced budget allocation of £25,714 to cover schemes previously committed for 2015/16, plus unallocated "minor works" funding.

2) Shirehampton Road pedestrian crossing and WoT parking review – over half of the funding for these two schemes had been committed from last year's budget and the balance would be funded from this year's budget. GD asked if these figures could be available before the NP Meeting in September, when Councillors will sanction any additional expenditure proposals from our Working Group.

#### 4. GBBN (Greater Bristol Bus Network)

Mark Sperduty is still analysing the traffic data gathered following the introduction of this scheme some three years ago. The Transport WG will request that the Neighbourhood Coordinator invites Mark Sperduty to the September NP Meeting to present his findings and recommendations.

#### 5. CPNN (Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood)

AA had recently circulated details published by Charlotte Leslie which summarised the current status of the “Henbury Loop” as a means of traffic mitigation in north Bristol. The details had also been uploaded to the NP’s website. Currently, the Strategic Planning function at BCC was not very forthcoming with its latest thinking on traffic mitigation but it was hoped that some form of presentation would soon be made to local councillors, prior to engaging with a wider audience across north Bristol. The Henbury Loop is a local planning issue and there is a meeting of the West of England Partnership (WEP) on 17 July, which Glenise Morgan will be attending as she has submitted a Statement. PR said the Port Company is also influencing the process by highlighting problems of docks access due to the location of the current level-crossings, which should not be a major issue.

#### 6. Highway Issues

##### 6.1 New Issues

**Relocation of North View Bus Stop (H138):** The current in-bound bus stop is on a slope which makes getting on or off the bus difficult for the elderly and disabled. It was suggested that RG confirms the extent of use of the taxi rank outside the library and the practicalities of relocating the bus stop to this location. The basic cost would be of the order of £10k but to include a shelter and Real Time Indicator (RTI) display could increase the total cost to approx £20k, subject to survey.

**Provision of a Car Park at Sea Mills Station (S122):** AA reported that a car park on the former prefab site was not an option as the site was part of a Scheduled Monument. SF commented that it is the second most important Roman site in the Country! Parking under the bridge – the land belongs to Parks and they were not interested in turning it into a car park. There was the danger of flooding and it would have to get full planning permission as it is in a Conservation Area. In addition, the Council are looking to expand the Park & Ride facility at Avonmouth by including a station. However, PR volunteered to investigate the issue more fully and report back to the next SB Forum in November.

**New Zebra Crossing on Coombe Lane (S123):** JS felt it was much-needed. There are five visually impaired people living in the area and they find it very difficult to cross due to the two bends. Although the road is now 20mph, cars still drive too fast and a crossing would also help slow traffic down. GD said it would be interesting to assess the potential demand. It was suggested that the crossing should be south of the Rayleigh Road junction. Cost would be approx £25k for a single crossing and would have to be prioritised by the Working Group. AA thanked JS for her input.

**Paint “SLOW” markings on Stoke Hill (124):** RG reported that this would cost about £50, which could be met from the NP’s “Minor Works” budget. JC asked in the loading bays in WoT could be repainted too and RG suggested that JC raise the issue through the Councils “Report a Problem” webpage:

[www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/roads-pavements-and-drains-online-services](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/roads-pavements-and-drains-online-services)

**Mitigate Canford Lane “congestion” (W144):** More buses are using this stretch of road between Canford Road and Falcondale Road and parked cars restrict the available width of the road. The problem was noted but suggestions to make it a one-way street would probably create more problems than it would solve!

##### 6.2 Current On-going Issues

**Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing (H137):** NP4 had agreed to fund half of the £10k estimated cost to provide improvements to the crossing. This would enable anti-skid surfaces to be laid on the approaches to the crossing, high-viz LED halos on the beacons and possibly pencil bollards. The adjacent street trees have been pruned recently to increase visibility for drivers approaching the

crossing. HF asked if the locals were happy with the plans, or would they be requesting additional work afterwards? AA reported that there is little more NP3 funding available in the short term and RG reported that local representatives at the recent NP4 Transport Group Meeting had seemed happy with the proposals. AA said that he would request approval for £5k funding at the next NP Meeting in September. RG said that provision of the LED halos could proceed shortly, with the funding already sanctioned by NP4.

**Westbury Road Zebra Crossing (H112/W121):** AA reported that the inclusion of a new crossing near Brecon Road had been rejected as part of the traffic mitigation proposals for the expansion of St Ursula's Academy. However, a S106 Agreement for improvements to the crossings at the Falcondale Road/Westbury Road junction had been included. This latter junction was likely to be signalised as part of the A4018 improvements resulting from the CPNN mitigation review.

**Springfield Grove:** Mildred Miller asked if a 20mph roundel could be painted on the road as it would appear to have been omitted from the 20mph rollout programme. RG would check and also advised that many points around the city were being monitored to assess vehicle speeds following the introduction of the city-wide 20mph speed limits.

**Southmead Rd/Henleaze Rd/Eastfield Rd junction (H111):** proposals for a pedestrian crossing and "improvements" to the local Southmead Road bus stops were the subject of a S106 Agreement for the development at Quarry Leaze by Churchill Retirement Homes. No work would proceed prior to the conclusion of local consultations.

**Exit from Tesco site, Henleaze Road (H115A):** report currently being prepared by RG to identify any practical improvements.

**Park Grove Uncontrolled Crossing Point (H118):** RG reported that the scheme should proceed to a public consultation in the next few weeks.

**West Broadway "Rat-running" etc (H123):** Maggie Clarke was going to set-up a meeting with local residents to review the proposals outlined in a recent BCC Report.

**Coldharbour Road Pedestrian Crossing (H125):** RG reported that, following a recent public consultation, a modified design had been completed and a revised scheme would shortly be presented to local residents. Additional funding could come from the Cycling Ambition Fund.

**Westbury Park (H136):** any changes/restrictions to this road layout would be dependent on the results of current Redland RPZ review.

**Stoke Road, Rockleaze, Downleaze & Circular Road etc (S106, S111, S113, S114):** all requests from the NP for additional parking restrictions in these roads had been included in the recent *Downs Parking Review*. The feedback from the Statutory Consultation was still being evaluated but the Downs Committee and the Zoo has requested an increase from 4 hours to 5 hours for the proposed new areas of limited parking.

**Shirehampton Road Pedestrian Crossing (S117):** a public consultation should proceed within a few weeks and would also include proposals to modify the **Druid Hill mini-roundabout (S119)**.

**Eastfield Road Dropped Kerbs (W109):** work should proceed in the next few days.

**Stoke Lane Area – New Parking Restrictions (W112):** the majority of the new double yellow lines (DYLs) have now been painted. There are just a few short lengths to be completed.

**Chock Lane Traffic Calming (W114):** the majority of the work has been completed but repainting of the DYLs and application of the high-viz red footway surfacing is currently outstanding. Some local residents have expressed concerns as to the quality of the workmanship and that the measures have been ineffective in reducing vehicle speeds.

**Southmead Road Pedestrian Crossing (W117):** following feedback from the public consultation, a second local consultation is about to take place following revisions to the original proposals.

**Glenwood Road Parking Restrictions (W130):** included in the current WoT Parking Review (W136).

**Westbury-on-Trym Parking Review (W136 etc):** all households in a wide area of Westbury are currently being canvassed for their suggestions on additional parking restrictions. The Consultation

closes on 26 July. Unfortunately, the consultation documentation could have been regarded by many recipients as “junk mail” and not even opened.

**Westbury Road Pavement Parking (W138):** some residents are parking on the pavement areas and, as a consequence, damaging the grass verges. Parking restrictions and/or physical means for protecting the green areas will have to be considered.

**Rockside Drive Bus stop (Section 106 Scheme ZCD 301):** The installation of a full size bus shelter could force pedestrians to walk on the private property of the adjacent shops in order to negotiate the shelter. Highway officers will review the situation and, if necessary, investigate the practicalities of siting the shelter elsewhere.

## **7. Highways Maintenance Issues**

1) Westbury Hill had been resurfaced recently but the road markings have not yet been repainted. Highways have advised that markings will be repainted once the road has been successfully swept but, within the total local resurfacing programme, pedestrian crossings and markings near schools are given priority.

2) SF asked if the new markings on Stoke Hill were going to be corrected. RG reported that burning-off the markings would damage the road surface, so the markings would not be altered unless there was a demonstrable safety issue.

## **8. Any Other Business**

1) SF raised the question as to who is responsible for implementing the diversion routes when the Portway is closed to traffic. Old Sneed Avenue gets very heavy traffic trying to find its way through the area. There does not appear to be adequate local signage whenever the Portway is closed, although the matrix signs on the motorway are being set to tell drivers to exit at the Portishead junction, if travelling to Bristol Airport. It was suggested that SF raises this issue with the Police at the next Stoke Bishop Open Forum in November.

2) AA asked that the date for the next meeting be changed from 19 to 27 October and no one objected. Andrew McGrath would amend the NP’s calendar.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 27 October 2015** at 7.00pm – venue TBA.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm