



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

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting
Tuesday 19th January 2016, W-O-T Academy**

Present: Alan Aburrow (AA)(Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Rob Grieve (RG)(BCC Highways Engineer).
NP3 Ward Reps: Gay Huggins (SB), Alan Preece (AP)(SB), Peter Robottom (PR)(SB), David Mayer (DM)(WOT), Graham Donald (GD)(Co-opted), Val Bishop (HEN), Helen Furber (HEN).
Other attendees: Lionel Hart & Janet Brewer (JB) from Westbury Park Traffic Group, Sheila Preece, Philippa Gardom, Terry Miller, Paul Madine, Erica Madine, Jim Doxey, Hilary Long (HL), Sian Spring, Ken Clarke (KC).

1. Apologies: Cllr Glenise Morgan, Cllr Alastair Watson, Jenny Hodges, Peter Hobbs, Keith Yeandel, Alan Morris, Libby Bloor, Chris Chubb, Stephanie French, Simon Tomlinson, Sue Mayer, Mike Batten.

AA welcomed everyone and made introductions.

2. Notes from previous meeting on 27 October 2015: Agreed – no corrections.

Matters Arising

2.1 Henleaze Parking Review & Implementation: AA confirmed that this would be completed during the 2016/17 financial year as the NP's "one minor traffic scheme, per year". KC asked that Westbury Park be included.

2.2 Coldharbour Road Zebra Crossing: JB asked if LED halos could be installed on the beacons. AA confirmed that money was available and needed a recommendation from the Group. However, as the crossing straddles the NP boundary (near St Alban's Road), we would need to seek match-funding from the BCR NP. GD asked how long it would take once funding was agreed and RG advised "about one month". DM emphasised that this work would be classified as 'minor works' and not a "Minor Traffic Scheme" and, therefore, it was not 'jumping the queue'! At the next NP Meeting, AA would ask the Neighbourhood Committee to sanction half the estimated cost (£2k), with the proviso that the BCR NP would match-fund the other half. AA would record this issue on the NP's "open" Highway Issues list as Issue H140.

2.3 Parking on the Downs: extensive new parking restrictions were now almost complete.

3. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) - the debate has continued as to the efficacy of the GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. At the June 2014 NP Meeting, the Area Manager (Highways) took an Action to produce a "draft monitoring plan" to review the current situation. We continue to await the results of the monitoring survey (reportedly completed before the 2014 Christmas school holiday period) and, more importantly, any interpretation ascribed to the survey results.

4. Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) - there has been no significant Stakeholder involvement by BCC on their proposals for mitigating the effects of the CPNN development on the transport infrastructure in north Bristol. The last summary documentation, provided by BCC's Transport Development Manager, in February 2015, indicated that any mitigation proposals going forward were likely to be limited to wall-to-wall priority bus lanes along the whole of the A4018 corridor, plus the banning of right turns at all the outbound light-controlled junctions on Falcondale Road (with the exception of Canford Lane) and signalling the Old Crow Roundabout.

Currently, there are two Consultations from the West of England Joint Planning enterprise that are attempting to address both a Joint Spatial Plan and a Joint Transport Study for the next 20 years, up

to 2036. Both consultations are due to close on 29 January. AA encouraged everybody to contribute to the consultations by visiting the website www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk or emailing: comment@jointplanningwofe.org.uk before the closing deadline

HL reported that there were now two independent bus services travelling up and down Westbury Hill, with busses unable to pass each other in places and that the services were hardly used. HL wondered how much this was costing. AA opined that this was a commercial operation and no doubt would be reviewed by the respective bus operators if revenues were insufficient. RG noted that the only answer to improving traffic flow on Westbury Hill was to introduce more parking restrictions in that area.

5. Current Highway Issues:

5.1 Minor Works Projects: at the December NP Meeting, AA had received approval from the Neighbourhood Committee for expenditure on three “minor works” projects. These were the installation of traffic bollards in The Drive, at the exit from the Esso filling station (Highway Issue H115A); the installation of street bollards in the grass verge opposite Majestic Wine’s premises on Westbury Road, to obviate anti-social parking that is damaging the verge (Highway Issue W138); reconstructing and widening the footway on Eastfield Road, opposite the Village Hall (Highway Issue 109A). RG confirmed that all three projects were currently being progressed.

5.2 Progress with Recent Scheme Consultations:

(i) Park Grove (H118): this was now at the redesign stage, following the recent local consultation. RG reported that the proposed NO ENTRY southbound into Park Grove from Springfield Grove was likely to be dropped because of major opposition from local residents. Installation of a raised traffic-calming table at this location was now being evaluated and costed.

(ii) Coldharbour Road Zebra Crossing (H125): RG reported that this was being progressed but the layout of the crossing was now being revisited, as a cycle route was being planned through the area.

(iii) Shirehampton Road Zebra Crossing (S117): Following a second consultation, RG reported that the majority of respondents wanted the crossing to be sited in the location originally proposed - opposite the entrance to Stoke Lodge. It was likely that the footway would have to be built-out slightly, to improve visibility. Designs for updating the mini-roundabout at the top of Druid Hill (S119) were complete and work would proceed concurrently with the installation of the Zebra Crossing.

(iv) Southmead Road Zebra Crossing (W117): RG reported that all local objections had been resolved and work on site was likely to start during February/March.

(v) Westbury Parking Review (W136, etc): RG reported that he had received 118 responses to last year’s public consultation. Final proposals are likely to be announced during February and communicated locally prior to the requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) being progressed. Residents will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

5.3 Progress/Discussion on Other “Open” Schemes

(i) Southmead Rd/Henleaze Rd Zebra Crossing (H111) – KC considered that the zebra crossing was very close to the mini-roundabout. RG said it complied with the statutory regulations and was being provided by Churchill Homes under a Section 101 Agreement with the Council. The Council’s current Consultation on this crossing would close on 4 February.

(ii) Lime Trees Rd to Ridgehill Cycle Path (H108) – RG advised that, currently, not all the land is in the Council’s ownership but this was being progressed by the PRoW Team.

(iii) Falcondale Road/Westbury Road Junction (W121) – this junction and all the other signal-controlled junctions on Falcondale Road would be reviewed/upgraded as part of any CPNN mitigation proposals (see Item 4). However, S106 funding was already available from the recent Planning Application to expand St Ursula’s Academy and this could mean that this particular junction could be the first to be remodelled following the CPNN Mitigation Review.

6. “Tracker” Submissions to BCC’s Traffic Choices Website

AA explained that there is a facility within BCC’s Traffic Choices website for members of the public to directly submit their own proposals for traffic improvement schemes. Whilst the website suggests that such issues should first be raised at the NP’s Local Forum Meetings, there is no obligation to do so. Consequently, the majority of the suggestions are uploaded verbatim to the “Tracker” section of the Traffic Choices website with little or no supporting data. Discussions were still on-going with our NP’s Area Coordinator (Andrew McGrath) and RG as to the best way to process these requests.

Currently, 27 Tracker issues are recorded for our NP (8 for SB, 8 for Hen and 11 for WoT). It may well be that proposals for managing the “process” could include the Area Coordinator extending an invitation to the person submitting the request to attend the relevant Neighbourhood Forum to present their particular issue for local discussion, prior to bringing the issue to the Transport Working Group for further discussion and prioritisation/funding. Discussion then ensued as to whether people would be available to attend a Forum and it was suggested a ‘tick box’ could be used giving the dates of the next two Forums to ensure they were in attendance, or a box which said they did not want to attend.

In the short term, AA suggested that all the current Tracker issues should be raised for local discussion at the relevant Forums next month. A few of the issues were then briefly discussed:

ID 885 - Vehicles obstructing dropped kerbs at Stoke Hill Shops - RG reported that it was planned to paint additional white lines and “Disabled” markings within the next few weeks.

ID 888 - Downs Parking Restrictions - now complete.

ID 643 - Parking in Shaplunds - the original problems had been addressed by the University under a Section 106 Agreement. However, problems in the surrounding streets still persist and are currently being reviewed.

ID 1025 - Access Issue for Mobility Scooters in Lane Linking Sandyleaze with Coombe Lane - RC confirmed that the two barriers causing the access problem will be removed, as they do not comply with the Council’s current Environmental Access Standards. However, the resultant better access for mobility scooters may result in the lane being used illegally by motorbikes.

ID 1140 - Hillsdon Road Rat Run - this issue is already being addressed under Highway Issue W140.

ID 1169 - Additional Dropped Kerbs in Vintery Leys - following the recent Boundary Review, this road will become part of the new Southmead Ward in May. AA agreed to pursue the issue with councillors from both the old and new Wards, in order to find an agreeable funding solution.

7. Highways Maintenance Issues: AA had received a request from the Public Rights of Way Team for a £5K contribution to enable them to complete a £25k PRoW resurfacing scheme in lanes in Henleaze that connect The Crescent/Dyrham Close/Lime Trees Road and Horfield Common. AA had already taken the request to the Environment Group, as he was of the opinion that the funding should come from the NP’s “General Fund” (eg CIL) and not the Minor Traffic Schemes budget. As the Neighbourhood Committee was unlikely to decline the funding request at the next NP in March, AA would ask the Committee to decide which funding stream should be used. DM reminded those present that this Working Group could only make recommendations to the Committee; it was the Committee that had the authority to sanction all funding requests on behalf of the Council.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Jim Doxey raised the problem of **parking at the end of Sea Mills Lane** for allotment users. The allotment users were seeking a change to the current parking restrictions in order for them to be able to park for unloading bulky loads and equipment. RG stated that there is a need to establish who owned the land between the end of the public highway and the railway property boundary. Access across the level crossing was not very practical as it required a key, in order to access the allotments. RG would confirm the boundary of the highway that is in council ownership, as a prerequisite to progressing any additional/revised parking restrictions. PR also pointed out that Historic England had NOT been contacted by the Council regarding the possibility of putting a car park on the ex-prefab site, which is part of an important local archaeological site (Highway Issue S122). The issue of parking would be raised with The Mayor when he visits the area on the 21 January.

8.2 KC asked about the **North View TRO “harmonisation”** - RG advised that work on detailed drawings had commenced and that a local consultation would take place before progressing to the statutory consultation for any requisite TRO.

8.3 AA asked all to note the proposed Meeting dates for 2016/2017 as follows:

Wednesday 20 April, Thursday 21 July, Monday 31 October and Tuesday 17 January (2017). Currently, these dates did not clash with any major Council Meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 April, at 7.00pm (venue TBA).