



**Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze
Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting
Monday 31 October 2016, W-O-T Academy**

Present: Alan Aburrow (Chairman & WoT&Hen Ward Rep), Rob Grieve (RG)(BCC Highways Engineer), Cllr Geoff Gollop (GG), Gay Huggins (GH)(Sec)

NP3 Ward Reps: David Mayer (DM)(WoT&Hen), Graham Donald (GD) (SB), Peter Robottom (PR)(SB), Peter Weeks (PW)(SB), Roger Gamlin (RGa)(SB), Valerie Bishop (WoT&Hen), Helen Furber (WoT&Hen)

Other attendees: Sheila Preece, Alan Preece, Chris Chubb, Ken Clarke (KC)(Westbury Park Traffic Group), David McGregor (DMcG), Keith Yeandel (KY), Terry Miller (TM), Mildred Miller(MM), Jim Doxey (JD), Nicola Hawkes (NH), Jackie Collins, Paul Nadine, Erica Nadine, Anne Carswell (AC)

1. Apologies: Cllrs Liz Radford & Claire Champion-Smith, Andrew McGrath, Jenny Hodges, Ella Davies, Stephanie French, David Moore.

AA welcomed everyone and made introductions.

2. Notes from previous meeting on 21 July 2016: Agreed, subject to amending the day of the Meeting to Thursday (not Wednesday, as originally recorded in the Notes).

Matters Arising

i) The revised **Terms of Reference** for the Working Group were presented to the NP Meeting on 26 September and endorsed.

(ii) Sea Mills Level Crossing – After long deliberations with Network Rail, additional signage has been provided but local residents (including JD) thought that more signage was desirable.

(iii) Downs Parking Scheme – RG reported that the results from the current review of the recently-introduced parking scheme are still being assessed for the necessity of any revisions.

(iv) Stoke Lane - GD asked if there had been any progress with additional parking restrictions outside the Co-op. RG repeated that this was a commercial issue and that any changes would have to be agreed and funded by the Co-op.

(v) RPZs - existing city-wide RPZs are currently being reviewed. In the short term, no further schemes are proposed in our area as no funding is currently available.

3. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN): No progress regarding the issue of the Highways' report into the efficacy of the bus lane leading to the White Tree roundabout. AA had, yet again, raised this issue at the last NP Meeting. There was an expectation that even if the review failed to support retention of the bus lane, it would be retained for inclusion in the bus lane that was expected to run from Cribbs Causeway to the top of Black Boy Hill. This would be in support of any traffic management measures introduced to mitigate the effects of the huge housing developments proposed at Cribbs Causeway and Filton airfield.

4. Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN): AA reported that despite his continued requests to BCC's Strategic Transport Team, he had failed to get any reply as to progress with traffic mitigation proposals to ameliorate the effects of the CPNN development on north Bristol. GG advised that BCC will receive funding from South Glos which is unlikely to be sufficient for BCC to deal with the projected problems, specifically on the A4018 and A38 corridors into Bristol. This included the need for a Park & Ride facility which was not currently included in the South Glos plans. GG reported that Bristol Councillors are not being briefed on the evolving situation.

5. Highway Issues “In Progress”

5.1 Sanctioned Minor Traffic Schemes

(i) Shirehampton Road Zebra Crossing (S117) and Druid Hill mini-roundabout (S119): Upgrading of the mini-roundabout is currently in progress and the Council’s contractors would then commence work on the new Zebra Crossing. Estimated completion – end of November.

(ii) Parry’s Lane/Cross Elms Lane Junction (S130): Highways’ engineers have surveyed the junction and will undertake remedial work next Spring to address the current adverse camber and also apply anti-skid surfacing to the road surface. Funding for the work will be provided from Highways’ maintenance budget, not the NP’s budget. Additional signage will be installed shortly.

(iii) Sea Mills Station Parking Review (S131): This scheme is currently out for local consultation and closes on 14 November.

(iv) Southmead Road Zebra Crossing (W117): Completed. AA had received an email from a grateful local resident, thanking the NP for all its efforts in achieving the long-awaited result.

(v) Westbury Parking Review (W136 etc): The content of a Statutory Consultation was currently being framed by BCC’s Legal Team and should be published within the next two months.

(vi) Park Grove Pedestrian Improvements (H118): Completed. MM related how large lorries had difficulty negotiating the junction from Springfield Grove and had left tyre marks across the new dropped kerb. MM and TM opined that the new speed table on Springfield Grove was not slowing traffic. AA agreed that the NP would fund speed checks from its MSL budget and RG would make the necessary arrangements.

(vii) Coldharbour Road Zebra Crossing (H125): the original simple scheme to provide a Zebra Crossing has now been over-taken and subsumed into a more complex scheme, promoted by the Cycling Ambition Fund (CAF). It will now be a combined cycling and pedestrian (Tiger) crossing that will require further local consultation.

(viii) Brecon Road Area (H132 & H134): A TRO for various improvements associated with the expansion of St Ursula’s Academy is currently being drafted. Following the requisite local consultation, site work will probably be executed during next Easter’s school holiday.

(ix) Henleaze Parking Review (H141): Because of conflicting outcomes from various recent local parking reviews, the previous local Henleaze councillors had agreed to conduct the current Review over two years, in order to achieve the best outcome. Some of the original requests for restrictions were already included in H132 (above) and the TRO necessary to regularise parking in North View, following the closure and redevelopment of the local filling station. GG asked that roads, such as Etloe Road, would be included. KC was keen for all Westbury Park roads to be included and RG indicated that this could mean the scheme had to be divided into two separate areas. GG asked when it would start and RG responded that Highways’ depleted resources would be the limiting factor. RG suggested advising residents through local publications that the review was imminent.

5.2 Sanctioned Minor Works Schemes

(i) Canford Lane Verge Protection (W147): Site work due to commence in 3-4 weeks.

(ii) Exit from Tesco, Henleaze Road (H115A): New pavement bollards have been installed but RG reported that additional white lining work was currently with the Council’s contractor for completion.

(iii) Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing (H137): Installation of the high friction surface has been delayed due to road resurfacing work. There is still the possibility that the crossing could be upgraded as part of a CAF scheme to provide a safe cycling/pedestrian “Quietway” route to Southmead Hospital.

(iv) North View Bus Stop Relocation (H138): Progress on this project is dependent on the outcome of the forthcoming Statutory Consultation for the North View area. **(Secretary’s Post-Meeting Note:** the Consultation is due to start on 24 November and run to 16 December).

5.3 Minor Signing & Lining (MSL)

(i) Stoke Hill Bus Stop (S120): Completed.

(ii) Stoke Hill: “SLOW” Marking (S124): Outstanding but work placed with Council’s contractor.

(iii) Stoke Hill Shops: “Disabled” marking with Council’s contractor. Could eventually be replaced by double yellow lines – included in current Sea Mills Station Parking Review (S131).

(iv) Blandford Close (H148): “Keep Clear” lining work placed with Council’s contractor.

6. Highway Issues “Under Review”

AA reminded everybody that, due to the Council’s current diktat of delivering only one Minor Traffic Scheme per year (per NP), the earliest that our NP could consider any scheme for prioritisation would be for delivery in 2018/19. Currently, our NP has in excess of 20 “minor traffic schemes” to consider for prioritisation across the whole NP area - and this includes requests for seven Zebra Crossings. These are Coombe Lane (S123), Dingle Road (S127), Sea Mills Lane (S128), Canford Lane (W129), Henbury Road (W141), Kellaway Avenue (H142) and Henleaze Road (H143).

Following discussion, it was agreed that issues relevant to areas covered by each of the NP’s three Neighbourhood Forums would be taken to those Forums for further debate and possible consensus for prioritisation within that Forum area. DM expressed the view that the Forums should decide their priorities and then these would be fed back to the next Transport WG Meeting (17 January) to start an iterative process of prioritisation.

GG asked for some analysis from RG, who replied that none of the requested sites for Zebra Crossings had any history of reported accidents involving personal injury. As far as was known, the requests had been submitted by individuals with no supporting data to quantify need. AA also suggested that the provision of central pedestrian refuge islands could be a more cost-effective option – dependant on road width. PW asked for more clarification as to what was expected at the Forums as it could take a couple of Forums to make any decision. AA pointed out that there was plenty of time for informed debate at future Forums, as the earliest that any scheme could be considered for delivery would be 2018/19.

(i) **Canford Lane (W129)**, NH suggested that a crossing by the entrance to the Crematorium was desperately needed for visitors visiting Canford Park, as well as the Crematorium. GD added that he had also received similar requests. RG agreed to review the area for a practical location. **(Secretary’s Post-Meeting Note:** this review has been completed and is appended as Attachment 1. It was also displayed for discussion at the WoT Forum on 2 November).

(ii) **Parking Issues in Stoke Park Road (S129 & S135); Shaplunds (S133); Elmlea Avenue (W146):** Local councillors are still awaiting a positive response from the University to enter into discussions to address excessive student parking in the roads around the University’s Halls of Residence. Local residents feel that the University has failed to honour the planning conditions attached to the original Planning Application for developing the Hyatt Baker Halls of Residence. Concurrently, BCC’s Planning Enforcement Team is also investigating this issue.

(iii) **Bell Barn Road Junction with Shirehampton Road (S134):** During the last three years, five personal injury accidents have occurred at this junction. Also, there is no pavement adjacent to the corner outside *The Mill House* pub. RG outlined a plan to tighten-up the junction by way of pavement buildouts, which would not require a TRO, at a cost £8-10k and also fall outside the ‘one scheme a year’ diktat. As there are sufficient funds within the NP’s budget, it was agreed to initially take the suggestion to the next SB Forum for support from the local residents. If there was support from the Forum, AA would take the scheme forward to the next NP Meeting for approval by the Neighbourhood Committee **(Secretary’s Post-Meeting Note:** the SB Forum agreed to the proposal).

(iv) **Chock Lane (W114A):** RG confirmed that additional traffic-calming suggestions from Chock Lane residents were still under review for possible recommendation to the NP but Highways’ depleted resources were the limiting factor in completing this review.

(v) **Coombe Lane Junction with Canford Lane (W134):** Although this issue has been “under review” for prioritisation for several years, a current Planning Application to redevelop the site at 112 Coombe Lane includes proposals from the Developer to introduce traffic calming measures (pavement buildouts) at the junction to improve access to the site. AC expressed serious concern about the proposed redevelopment and the access arrangements. AA agreed that he would present a Statement to the Planning Committee Meeting on 9 November to express concerns about the entrance proposals.

(vi) **Westbury Hill Car Park (W148):** AA reported that four of the larger parking bays will be marked-up as ‘Mother & Child’ bays, funded from the NP’s MSL budget. Unfortunately, it had been confirmed by Parking Services that the exit route could not be marked-out for two individual lanes because of H&S concerns.

(vii) **Harbury Road (H145):** RG reported that, due to a lack of Highway resources, it had not been possible to visit the site to assess the extent of verge damage and, if necessary, propose any solutions.

(viii) **Waterford Road Junction with Henleaze Road (H147):** RG reported that there is insufficient room to consider the installation of a central pedestrian refuge at this junction.

7. Recent “Tracker” Submissions (Attachment 2)

(i) St Alban’s Road Parking Bays (ID1397): Already included in Henleaze Parking Review (H141)

(ii) Westbury Road Parking Difficulties (ID1938) & Falcondale Road Junction with Stoke Lane (ID1450):

Both of these issues will be addressed as part of the CPNN traffic mitigation review.

(iii) Kellaway Crescent Parking Problems (ID1461): Bollards and parking restrictions would be the only solution to prevent vehicles damaging the edges of the Common.

(iv) Traffic Speed and Volume in Woodleaze (ID1475): RG confirmed that there is no data available and this issue was never raised with the Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston NP when this road was in that NP.

8. Highways Maintenance Issues

(i) KY raised an issue that the recent surface dressing carried out in Chock Lane had obliterated some of the red designated “footway” area. RG agreed to raise the matter with the Maintenance Team who was responsible for overseeing the contractor’s work.

9. Any Other Business

(i) GD raised the issue of a lack of volunteers to support the SpeedWatch initiative. Currently, there were only two people working on SpeedWatch (Stephanie French and himself) and he appealed for volunteers to come forward.

(ii) Ella Davies (SB Ward Rep) had requested that a “Friend of Sea Mills Station” should sit on the Severnside Community Rail Partnership group. It was suggested this issue should be raised and discussed at the next SB Neighbourhood Forum.

(iii) TM asked why the temporary speed limit on roads after resurfacing was posted at 10 or 20mph. RG was unable to give a categorical answer but suggested that it was usually 20mph.

(iv) GG raised the issue that parking in Abbey Road, near the library (and its junction with Falcondale Road), was a growing problem. AA confirmed that new, additional, restrictions had been introduced in last year’s Stoke Lane Parking Review. Therefore, it was unlikely that any additional restrictions would be introduced in the near future, as they would have to be part of a new scheme.

(v) PR had received a letter regarding a petition which had been submitted to the Council regarding problems in Julian Road (Sneyd Park). RG was unaware of the petition and GG advised that it would only be ‘noted’ by Council. PR was advised to suggest to the writer of the letter that he/she should bring the matter to the SB Neighbourhood Forum.

(vi) There has been a request (H149) to extend the 20mph speed limit along Kellaway Avenue, which is the boundary between NP3 and the adjoining NP. There was a mixed response from those present and RG confirmed that any revisions to the 20mph limits were managed and funded centrally by the 20mph Team.

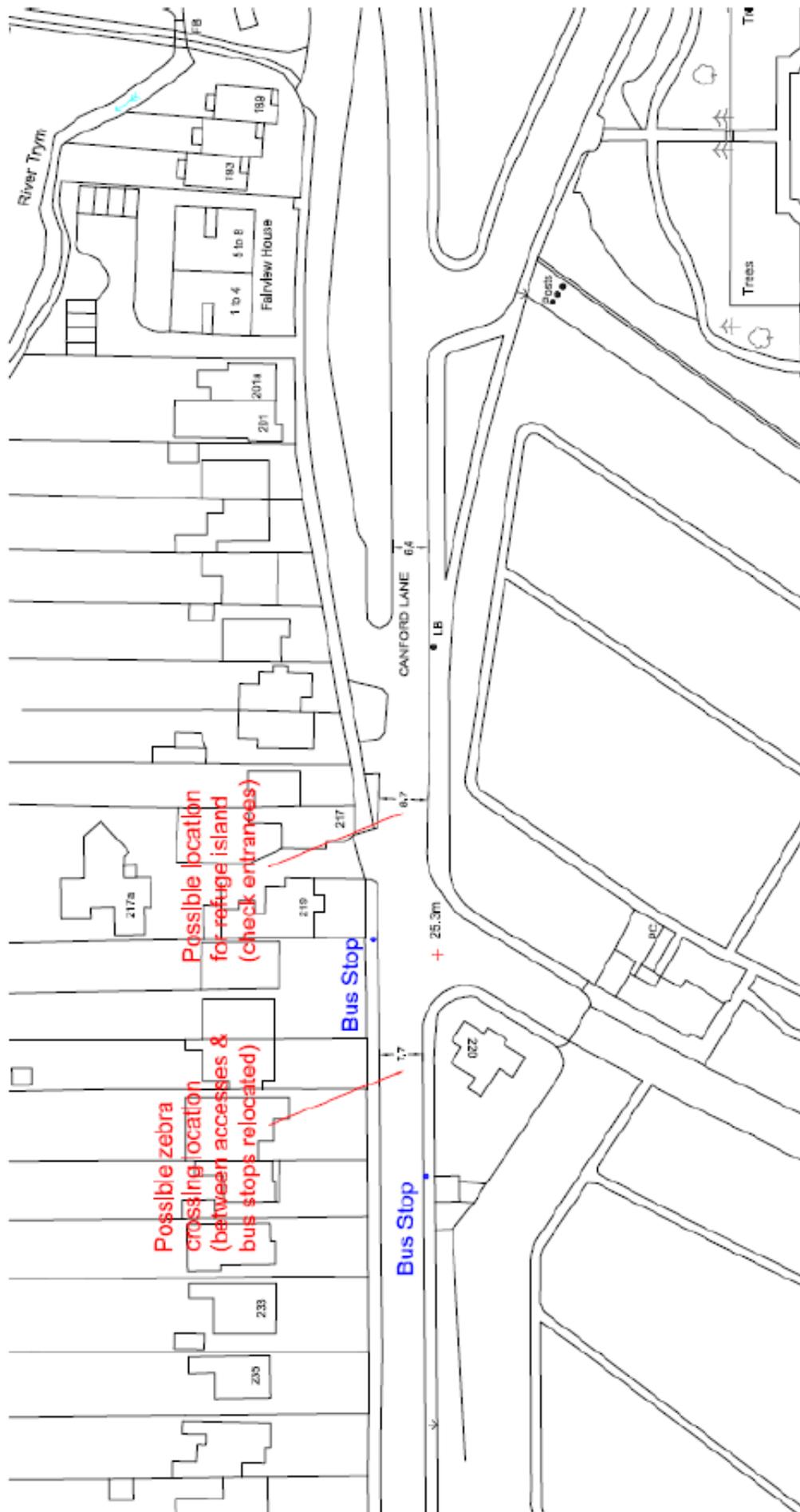
(vii) GG confirmed that the Council needed to save £94m over the next five years and they are currently consulting on the options as to the ways forward. The future of NPs is under threat, as well as libraries, devolved local highway schemes and parks. There is a meeting on the 15 November at Henbury School to raise issues with the Mayor (potential attendees need to book-in). Also, on 2 December at 7pm, there is a Community Meeting at WOT Village Hall. AA and GG pleaded with everybody to read the Draft Corporate Strategy document and complete the online questionnaire:

www.bristol.gov.uk/council-spending-performance/corporate-strategy-2017-2022-consultation

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.00pm, venue TBA

Meeting closed at 9.20pm



NOTE! FOR INFORMED DISCUSSION ONLY

Due to the constraints of carriageway width, a single pedestrian refuge could only be located at the position shown.

The practical location for a possible pedestrian crossing (as indicated) would require the two bus stops to be relocated - not a major problem as they don't currently have raised kerbs and markings.

It could be possible to install a crossing at the location indicated for the pedestrian refuge (where it would only need to move one bus stop back a bit) but the crossing's Belisha Beacons would be right outside the windows of 217.

**Highway Issues Raised Via BCC's Traffic Choices "Tracker"
For Review (Issue 8, October 2016)**

ID	Date (Area)	Issue	Details	Comments
1397	Hen	Review of Parking Bays on St. Albans Road	A review of the 8 one-hour parking bays in order to free them up for residents.	Additional parking restrictions to be reviewed under Henleaze Parking Review (H141)
1398	Hen	Parking Difficulties on Westbury Road	Cars parking closely to the exit of the driveway at number 57, causing difficulties on entering and exiting.	Will be included in CPNN mitigation review
1450	WoT	Vehicle Obstruction on Falcondale Road	Vehicle obstruction at traffic lights near junction with Falcondale Road/Stoke Lane	Will be included in CPNN mitigation review
1461	Hen	Parking Problems on Kellaway Crescent	Cars are parking along the length of Kellaway Crescent with two wheel up on the common.	Parks don't seem to have enforcement powers here as they do on the Downs. Realistically bollards or parking restrictions are the only options.
1475	SB	Concern over speed and volume of traffic on Woodleaze	Road is being used to avoid traffic signals and vehicles are traveling at high speeds. A new bus service is also now using this residential road and safety is a concern.	No survey data available to confirm vehicle speeds. No injury accidents recorded. No previous reports with Avonmouth & Kingsweston NP. Difficult road to deal with as it is straight and also unrealistic to close off. Speed tables/cushions most likely option if speed is proven to be an issue.

See: <https://tracker.trafficchoices.co.uk/partnership/Henleaze,%20Stoke%20Bishop%20and%20Westbury-on-Trym/show>
for all issues reported via BCC's Traffic Choices "Tracker"