

Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 28 June 2018

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Gollop (GG), Liz Radford (LR) and Steve Smith (SS) – Councillors • Helen Furber (HF) – Facilitator • PC Rachel Mann (RM) and PCSO Craig Waters (CW) • Liz Davidson (LD) – Esoterix Systems • Approximately 30 members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Cornish, David Mayer

1. Introductions	<p>HF welcomed everyone (especially SS who was elected on 24 May to succeed Clare Campion-Smith) and explained the proposed format for the evening.</p> <p>At all Forums the aim is for participants to influence the topics discussed.</p>														
2. Police update	<p>a) Introduction: RM introduced herself and CW.</p> <p>b) Statistics: RM gave details of the recorded crime statistics for Henleaze and Westbury-on-Trym for the period from 1 March to 31 May 2018. As the categories provided did not correspond with previous data, it is not possible to provide comparative figures.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Offence</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anti-social behaviour</td> <td>29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arson</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal damage</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thefts from motor vehicles</td> <td>64</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>c) Lead thefts: During the last three months there were several lead thefts in Henleaze. These included properties in Pycroft Avenue and Antrim Road, St Ursula’s old building and shops in Henleaze Road.</p> <p>d) Southmead Police Station: It is hoped to that the new Police Station, based at Westgate House, Southmead Hospital will be open before the end of the year.</p> <p>e) Personnel: The new Beat Manager for Henleaze and Westbury-on-Trym is PC Steven Harding.</p> <p>f) Speeding fines: The Police were unable to comment on a recent newspaper article that suggested the number of speeding fines issued in Bristol is much greater than in neighbouring areas.</p> <p>g) Beat Surgeries: Details will be advised if/ when Surgeries are planned.</p>	Offence	Total	Anti-social behaviour	29	Arson	0	Burglary	24	Criminal damage	19	Robbery	1	Thefts from motor vehicles	64
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<p>3. Area Committee 1</p>	<p>a) Area Committees: Following the demise of Bristol’s fourteen Neighbourhood Partnerships, six Area Committees made up of Ward Councillors have been established.</p> <p>Area 1 covers Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston, Clifton, Clifton Down, Hotwells & Harbourside, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze and has thirteen Councillors.</p> <p>b) Purpose: The six Committees will meet to determine how Community Infrastructure (CIL) money is spent. CIL applies to development that has been granted planning permission after 1 January 2013; 15% of the money paid to Bristol City Council by developers is allocated to the Area Committee for local schemes.</p> <p>Where Section 106 money is available, Area Committees will also discuss how the funds are allocated. Section 106 agreements are private agreements made between local authorities and developers.</p> <p>c) Managing expectations: Given the size of the new Area 1 (including areas of deprivation in Sea Mills and Lawrence Weston), and potential Bristol City Council resource issues, it is likely that the limited funding available may not be available for many local projects.</p> <p>d) Way forward: The process for considering applications is still evolving. For the initial Area 1 meeting in September 2018, the Councillors will be considering awards for projects that were proposed but not funded prior to the Neighbourhood Partnerships ending. Thereafter a process for 2019 will be discussed at upcoming Forums.</p>
<p>4. Buses</p>	<p>a) Consultation: James Freeman, Managing Director at First Bristol & West of England, has confirmed that it is planned to undertake public consultation regarding Service 2 as he accepts that it is not up to the standard required.</p> <p>b) Issues: In particular, Forum participants commented adversely about cancellation of services, punctuality, buses running together and the route covered.</p> <p>Note: After the Forum, James Freeman confirmed that there will be a consultation in early autumn for potential changes to Service 2 in January 2019.</p>
<p>5. MYFIRSTMILE</p>	<p>a) Overview: LD, Chief Marketing Officer of Esoterix Systems, answered questions about MYFIRSTMILE. In essence it is a taxi service connecting Henleaze and Westbury Park commuters with Gloucester Road.</p> <p>For detailed information see the June edition of Henleaze & Westbury Voice, the Summer 2018 edition of The Henleaze Society Newsletter or go to https://esoterix.co.uk/announcing-my-first-mile/</p>

	<p>b) Changes: LD confirmed that the price of a daily ticket has been reduced by £2 to £4. It is now in line with the cost of a First Bus inner daily ticket. In effect the taxi element of the journey is free of charge.</p> <p>Note: After the Forum, LD confirmed that the trial period for MYFIRSTMILE has been extended until the end of December 2018.</p> <p>c) Concerns: Residents of The Crescent, through their Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, raised concerns about a lack of consultation regarding pick up points and safety issues in and around The Crescent. LD took note of the issues and agreed to respond to these as soon as possible.</p> <p>d) Trial period: As noted, the trial runs until December. It will be a case of 'use it or lose it' as the service will not be able to run at a loss.</p>
<p>6. Traffic Choices</p>	<p>Notwithstanding that it is understood that Bristol City Council's Traffic Choices system will be withdrawn, it is still active and two issues were reported in the last quarter concerning Henleaze/ Westbury Park. These were:</p> <p>a) 7 March, Etloe Road, Safety concern/volume of traffic: Since the Redland (and maybe other) residents parking scheme was extended, it seems to have resulted in commuters now parking in the area, then taking the bus or walk into the city.</p> <p>Over the past couple of months every day Etloe Road has seen cars parked along the footway (on the west side of the road), meaning pushchairs, wheelchairs and foot traffic cannot use this stretch of footway. There is also a concern for children using this road as it is a direct route for them going to the nursery and primary schools on Bayswater Avenue.</p> <p>b) 29 May, Directional signage: Badminton School: We would like to request a road sign directing people to Badminton School on Westbury Road as we have had a number of complaints and comments recently about visitors not being able to find us. We are based on Westbury Road in Westbury-on-Trym, slightly tucked back from the road alongside Cote Lane and a little turning area. We have over one thousand visitors onsite a month, many/most of which are external to our organisation as we regularly hold public events. This will increase next year when we open our new Sports Centre; a facility that is open to the public to use at specific times. If granted, ideally, we would like the sign to read 'Badminton School'. Cote Lane and a little turning area.</p> <p>The Councillors will contact Highways to try and establish when Traffic Choices will be withdrawn, how it will be replaced and what actions (if any) can be taken regarding the above.</p>

<p>7. Other Highways issues</p>	<p>a) Bottom end of Henleaze Road: A resident was concerned about the roadworks at the bottom of Henleaze Road and a lack of information about access to sideroads not being available.</p> <p>LR confirmed that the work is being carried out by Bristol Waterworks with an estimated completion date of 29 August. The works will shift towards the Eastfield Inn as they progress.</p> <p>b) 20 mile per hour consultation: Until 31 August, Bristol City Council is consulting on how the 20mph speed limit operates in practice. Go to https://www.bristol20mph.co.uk/ or collect a paper copy survey from a library.</p> <p>c) SpeedWatch: This is a Police and Council initiative designed to give local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety in their neighbourhood. Residents volunteer to monitor speeds using speed detection equipment and record details of any vehicles travelling over the limit to share with the police.</p> <p>d) Wellington Hill West parallel zebras: Concern was expressed about a zebra which is part of the Southmead Quietway as cyclists can stay mounted whilst on the cycle crossing and may then mount the pavement.</p>
<p>8. Environment</p>	<p>a) Trees: A public meeting of the Bristol Tree Forum took place on 4 June. It was noted that across Bristol there are twenty-seven Section 106 agreements (see 3 above) that relate to Parks and Open Spaces. Some of the funding attached to these agreements might be available to plant trees in Henleaze/ Westbury Park – particularly to replace some ugly tree stumps.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is important that residents come forward with suggestions for replacing tree stumps. LR will work with trustees of The Henleaze Society and the Westbury Park Community Association to discuss tree planting options (however they are funded) which will be discussed at future Forums.</p> <p>It is important that residents have in a say in where trees are planted. A resident also asked if it would be possible to select the type of trees to be planted – e.g. to overcome problems such as pollen from silver birch trees.</p> <p>b) Pavement outside Tesco Express: At the last two Forums, a dangerous footpath was reported in front of Tesco Express, Henleaze Road. Council Officers have advised that no work is necessary on the footpath; it was agreed that this is unsatisfactory and incorrect. The Councillors will speak with Officers.</p> <p>c) Hedges etc: GG commented that enforcement action is being taken about overhanging hedges etc. Residents can go direct to the Council or seek help from the Councillors.</p>

<p>9. Planning</p>	<p>a) St Ursula's: Residents remain concerned about the future of the old building and the site currently occupied on a lease by SHINE. LR advised that SHINE have been given a lease until July 2020. Currently Council Officers are considering the future of the old building – bearing in mind access issues.</p> <p>b) Permitted development: At the November 2017 Forum this topic was discussed briefly. In essence, planning permission is not necessary if the work to be undertaken is covered by what is known as permitted development. However there have been instances in Henleaze where permitted development rights have been used and the work has altered the character within streets – e.g.s. paving over front gardens and alterations to hip gabled roofs.</p> <p>As there are detailed Character Appraisals in place for Henleaze and Westbury Park – see links in the Appendix below, residents are being invited to comment on whether there are streets within our area where permitted development rights should be withdrawn. This does not mean that work cannot be undertaken – instead planning permission would need to be applied for and this would give Council Officers and residents an opportunity to consider if the proposed development is ‘in character’ with the area in which the work is proposed.</p> <p>An article giving more details will be included in the Summer edition of The Henleaze Society Newsletter. It will also be circulated with the agenda for the next Forum.</p>
<p>10. Consultations</p>	<p>In addition to the 20 mile per hour consultation, others you may wish to comment on are available at https://bristol.citizenspace.com/. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Traffic Regulation Orders for surrounding highways and the introduction of car parking charges at Blaise Castle Estate and Oldbury Court Estate. (closes 30 July) • The council is formalising its approach to vehicle dwelling encampments on the highway. (closes 26 August)
<p>11. Next Forum</p>	<p>7pm on Thursday 20 September 2018 at Henleaze Library.</p>
<p>12. Questions</p>	<p>Please address these to the relevant person or organisation (the Appendix may help). Alternatively, please send an email to henleazeforum@hotmail.com.</p>

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APPENDIX – Contact Details/ Further information

Henleaze Character Appraisal	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/0/Henleaze+character+assessment/1719a373-1617-4f53-bb97-eccbce1c5b89
The Henleaze Society	Email: ths.newsletter@gmail.com
Westbury Park Character Appraisal	https://westburyparkcommunityassociation.weebly.com/uploads/2/9/5/4/29540263/wpca_character-assessment_(1).pdf
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Bristol City Council & Cabinet Meetings	Full Council and Cabinet meetings are available via live and recorded webcasts. https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bc_r=1
Bins and recycling	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/bins-recycling
Street issues	Examples include street lighting, drains, graffiti and damaged roads/ footpaths. https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/report-a-street-issue
West of England Combined Authority	https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/