



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT KING CENTRE, 16 TO 18 KING SQUARE, BRISTOL BS2
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PRESENT:

	29.06.15	05.10.15	30.11.15	07.03.16
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor A McMullen	P	P		
Councillor M Hickman	P	P		
Councillor G Hoyt	P	A		
Councillor H Jama	A	P		
Councillor A Shah	P	P		
Councillor R Telford	P	P		
PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS				
Vacancy (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Mohamed Mohamoud (Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Mike Pickering (Lawrence Hill/SRWG)	P	P		
Matthew Collinson (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A	P		
Vacancy (Redcliffe/Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Vacancy (The Dings/Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Gemma Murphy (Lawrence Hill)	P	P		
Abdi Mohamed (Easton)	P	A		
Vacancy (Easton)	A	A		
Cristina Crossingham (Easton)	A	A		
Jan Deverell (Easton)	P	P		
Alex Milne (Easton)	P	P		
Joyce Clarke (Easton)	A	A		
Jo Curtis (Easton)	P	P		
Vacancy (St Pauls, Ashley)	A	A		
Ben Wood (Ashley)	A	P		
Jackie Griffith (Ashley)	P	A		
Maryanne Kempf (Ashley)	A	P		
Mohamud Mumin (Ashley)	A	A		
Pete Bullard (Ashley)	P	P		
Lori Streich (Ashley)	P	P		
Hugh Holden (Ashley)	P	P		
Daphne Muir (Montpelier)	P	P		
Jon Rogers (St Andrews/Ashley)	P	P		

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COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERS				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group) Deputy Chair of NP	P	P		
Paul Bradburn (Old Market Community Association)	A	P		
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P	A		
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	A	A		
Linda Bell/Steve Woods (St Werburgh's Community Centre)	P (Steve Woods)	P (Steve Woods)		
Vacancy (Easton and Lawrence Hill)	A	A		
Abdul Ahmed (Somali Forum)	A	A		
Vacancy (SPU/Ashley)	A	A		
Elaine Flint, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre	A	A		
BUSINESS/PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P	P		
Sonny Richards (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P	P		
STATUTORY PROVIDER PARTNERS				
Lesley Nel (Registered Social Landlord)	P	P		
Olly Cosgrove/Deborah Yeates/Mark Aston (A and S Police)	P (Olly Cosgrove)	P (Mark Aston)		
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	P	A		
Vacancy (NHS Bristol)	A	A		
Mohammed El Sharif (Health Representative)	A	A		
OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE PARTNERSHIP, OTHER OFFICER ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS				
Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)	P	P		
Kurt James (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)	P	P		
Neil Burwell (Community Safety Officer)	A	P		
Jon Toy, Stakeholder Liaison – Arena Project	A	P		
Stacy Yelland (Observer – “Up Your Street”)	P	P		
Margaret Castle	P	A		
Mark Aston	A	P		
Liz Jones	A	P		
Lisa Hashemi – Observer	A	P		
Noelle Rumball – Observer	A	P		
INDIVIDUALS MAKING PUBLIC FORUM STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS (WHO ARE NOT NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS)				
David Redgewell – South West Transport Network	P	A		

14 Welcome and Introductions

All parties at the meeting introduced themselves.

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Gus Hoyt, Elaine Flint, Del Hibbert and Abdi Mohammed.

16 Minutes of the Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting Held on 29th June 2015

Resolved – that the minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Margaret Hickman declared an interest in the item relating to the Felix Road Adventure Playground Community Asset Transfer.

18 Public Forum

The NP received a Public Forum Statement from Lori Streich relating to a forthcoming Planning Application for a small scale standby electricity generation plant at New Gatton Road, Bristol BS2 9SH.

It was noted that the nearest operating example of this type of plant was in Germany. Whilst it was noted that the application had indicated that it would be in operation for only 83 minutes per day, there was concern that this was an average figure – it would be operating for longer periods during certain periods of the year (ie winter).

Councillor Rob Telford indicated that a meeting with the developer would be taking place on Thursday 8th October 2015. He would report back to the NP as appropriate and would arrange for this item to be discussed at the Ashley Neighbourhood Forum on 19th October 2015.

In the meantime, it was agreed that a Special Neighbourhood Partnership should take place to discuss this issue. As part of this discussion, other issues needed to be considered by the NP, such as the M32 motorway.

Resolved –

- (1) that a Special Meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership is set up to discuss this issue**
- (2) That an item to discuss the M32 motorway is considered at the next NP meeting**

Action: Kurt James

19 Update on Major Planning Schemes

The Neighbourhood Partnership received updates on each of the following projects:

(A) Arena

Jon Toy gave a presentation on this item and made the following points:

- (1) The pre-application consultation was currently in operation and would run from 16th September 2015 to 13th October 2015;
- (2) Arena Island is the 3.7 hectare site on which the Arena would be built. The Arena venue would have a maximum capacity of 12,000 spectators and can be reconfigured to as little as 7,000 for an ice show or 5,000 as a theatre;
- (3) There would be improved public transport, disabled parking and temporary operator parking;
- (4) 2 Planning Applications would be submitted by the end of October 2015. The Full Planning Application would include details of the Arena venue, access to the island, the Public Plaza and Landscaping as well as details of essential parking, whilst the Outline Planning Application would consist of 24,000 square metres of mixed use development and New Public Realm;
- (5) Access to the site would comprise:
 - A new bridge to Cattle Market Road for vehicle access and pedestrians and cyclists;
 - A 4m wide pedestrian and cycle bridge to Albert Road;
 - Pedestrian stepped access (with adjacent lifts) to the A4 footway/cycleway;
 - A vehicle access from the A4 northbound lane for emergency services and operator access to the service area.
- (6) Car Usage – The transport strategy will aim to maximise access by public transport, walking and cycling. To ensure the highway network can accommodate a ‘worst case’ level of spectator vehicles, the Transport Assessment will test a pessimistic scenario of 80% of people travelling to an event by car (ie 3,600 vehicles for a 12,000 spectator event).
- (7) Parking – The proposals include disabled and essential operator parking on site but no new car parks for general use. Spectators will be directed to existing car parks within a 20 minutes walk from the site. The advantage of using existing car parks is that it would avoid focussing vehicle movements on the roads around the Arena. Parking surveys have indicated that there would be sufficient capacity in existing car parks for events with up to 10,000 spectators (80% of events each year). For events with between 10,000 and 12,000 spectators (approximately 20 per year), additional park and ride services and public transport will be provided;
- (8) Additional transport enhancements will include coach drop off / pick up bays on Albert Rd, MetroBus stops and late night Park & Ride stops. There are ongoing discussions with bus and rail operators to plan enhanced bus services and additional trains;
- (9) New pedestrian and cycling routes are proposed for Arena Island Bridge, St Philips Bridge, A4 Bath Road link, Cattle Market Road, Feeder Road, Harbour Walkway, Temple Gateway. There would be 200 cycle parking spaces on site;

- (10) A public exhibition on the proposals had been running at Temple Street and at the Central Library from 16th September to 13th October;
- (11) Feedback already received is being considered. Issues include requests to widen the existing pedestrian and cycle track on the A4 Bath Rd past the Arena site, parking controls for residential streets, noise concerns in construction phase and when the Arena opens and aspirations to permit right turns from the A37 to the A4 at 3 Lamps junction. Early review has led to new proposals to widen the A4 cycle and pedestrian track;
- (12) It is estimated that there would be approximately 100 events a year, of which 20 would be above 10,000 and requiring additional public transport as indicated in (7) above;
- (13) The proposals would link with the strategy for the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone;
- (14) The estimated timetable was as follows: Planning Applications to be submitted at the end of October 2016/early November 2016. Planning decision in February 2016. Once a decision had been reached, construction could begin in Summer 2016 continuing through 2017 with a target opening in early 2018.
- (15) Members made the following points in response to the proposals:
- (16) It was crucial that the contract for staff had a local labour clause
– **Jon Toy to check**
- (17) The consultation with the Dings on this application was vital. Jon Toy advised that 5,500 postcards had been sent to all houses within 750 metres of the site and a large number of responses had been received. [Correction 6918 postcards were issued] – **Jon Toy to advise NP Chair on the number of responses received**
- (18) Officers should investigate the possibility of direct pedestrian access from Temple Meads Station. In response, Jon Toy advised that this is being looked at. Aspirations for a direct route to the Arena from the east side of Temple Meads Station would be dependent on development of the former Parcelforce site which lies between the Arena site and the station. Such a route might include an additional bridge across the river to link the two sites. It is not proposed to include this route in the Arena planning submission but future connectivity may become possible as other plots are developed.;
- (19) All nearby car parks were privately owned. Members identified that Bristol City Council would not obtain any additional revenue from parking to offset the cost of the project . [Correction: The following car parks shown on the presentation are BCC-owned: Temple Gate car park; Redcliffe Way/Portwall Lane; Redcliffe Parade; The Grove/Mud Dock; Lower Guinea Street;
- (20) Jon Toy advised that the provision of 50 disabled parking spaces was based on published guidance and is comparable with other developments. Members thought that this seemed low provision;
- (21) Jon Toy advised that the Metrobus stops and the proposed park and ride pick up would be at Temple Gate and that siting these stops closer to the Arena would create a detour for bus services.

Members considered that this would result in a long walk for passengers accessing the site. While acknowledging that there would be disabled parking and that taxis could drop passengers off on or adjacent to the site, members thought that access from car parks up to 20 minutes away (approx. 1 mile) and Metrobus and park and ride bus stops approximately 10 minutes away, could be challenging for some people who are less mobile but do not qualify for a Blue Badge;

- (22) Members noted that the impact of spectator parking in residential areas near the Arena could be significant and needed to be properly taken into account. Jon Toy advised that this point had been frequently raised during the consultation process and various options could be considered to address this. The council is seeking people's views through the consultation. If a managed parking scheme is considered appropriate, options might comprise parking management during events only or might include a Residents' Parking Scheme if there is underlying commuter parking pressure. No decision has been made about what is required in different areas.
- (23) The Arena development needed to be shown alongside the Enterprise Zone on future plans;
- (24) This project did not seem to be run for the benefit of the city. Access was also a major difficulty (the example of lack of direct bus services from St Werburghs was given). Jon Toy indicated that it was an aspiration to ensure that there were good local services for the venue;
- (25) The development should not rely on the goodwill of First Bus to deliver appropriate public transport;
- (26) Members stated that 200 cycle parking spaces seemed a very small amount. Jon Toy advised that this would cater for some 8% of spectators who are forecast to travel from within the Bristol City Council area (21% of total spectators) for a peak 12,000 capacity event. This was slightly less than current cycling usage for journeys to work in Bristol (approx. 10%). Jon Toy noted that this is a pre-planning proposal and people were free to express their view on the appropriateness of any aspects;
- (27) In August, the Mayor had agreed the sale of land next to Station Approach and had indicated that it may be used for bus purposes.
Action: Jon Toy to investigate the latest situation concerning this.
- (28) An Air Quality Survey had taken place in Newfoundland Road to assess the impact of traffic generated by Cabot Circus. The results of these would be made public. There should also be an Air Quality Survey for the Arena. **Action: Jon Toy to investigate if the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment for the Arena will include an Air Quality Survey.**

Action:

- (1) Views on the Arena proposals should be submitted via the consultation questionnaire at bristoltemplequarter.com/arenaconsultation**

- (2) For anyone unable to complete the online questionnaire, views can be sent to Kurt James who will ensure that they are forwarded to Jon Toy;**
- (3) Kurt James to circulate a copy of the Arena presentation to all NP Members.**

(B) Carriageworks Update

Pete Bullard (Ashley Resident Representative) gave a brief presentation of the latest situation concerning the Planning Application which would be considered at Development Control (A) Committee on Wednesday 14th October 2015.

The following points were noted:

- (1) The proposed total number of units on the site was 112;
- (2) The proposed numbers of units of affordable housing had increased from 5 to 8;
- (3) The proposed height of the development had been reduced and the gateway improved;
- (4) The developer had been in discussions with the Housing Association concerning the issue of affordable housing and social housing to rent.

Members stressed the need for discussions to continue with the developer on the issue of affordable housing. This issue would be raised at a forthcoming meeting between the developer and the Housing Association. It was noted that there was a need for more rented and affordable housing in the area.

Resolved – that the Ashley Easton Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership requests that the developer continues to maintain a dialogue with the Carriageworks Action Group (CAG) to assist in ensuring that the Management Plan for the non-residential spaces on the site are developed to best meet the needs of local communities.

Action: Jeremy Livitt to refer to Development Control (A) Committee.

20 Grant Applications for Approval

Councillors considered whether or not to agree a number of Wellbeing Grants which were recommended for approval.

Resolved (unanimously) – that Councillors approve the following Well Being Grants:

Barton Hill Settlement - £1,400 (Amount Requested £2,000)

Claire Evans (Small World Animations) – £1,783 (Amount Requested £1,783)

Dings Community Association - £ 1,860 (Amount Requested £1,860)

Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management - £1,600 (Amount Requested £1,600)

Empire Fighting Chance - £1,400 (Amount Requested £2,000)

Full Circle – No Grant (Amount Requested £1,650)
Jackie’s Feed Programme – No Grant (Amount Requested £1,300)
Lincoln Gardens Tenants Association - £337 (Amount Requested £300)
Pakistan Welfare Organisation - £1,620 (Amount Requested £1,620)

Total Grant Awarded - £10,000 (Total Grant Requested £14,113)

21 Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and noted the following points:

Devolved Neighbourhood Budgets

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator reported that:

- (1) the devolved neighbourhood budget had increased to £16,755.37 of community infrastructure funding;
- (2) there was now a significant sum of money in the Parks Section 106 budget;
- (3) earlier in 2015, the Highways Team had received an additional £500,000 funding to reduce the backlog on schemes. In response to a question, NP members were reminded that funding for a pedestrian crossing could be either through Section 106 funding or a local traffic budget;
- (4) the Transport and Environment Sub-Groups would need to meet as frequently as required to ensure the appropriate action was taken;
- (5) The first meeting of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Group was scheduled for 5pm on Wednesday 7th October 2015, immediately by the Environment Sub-Group at 6.30pm.

The NP noted that there were continuing delays on existing agreed highways schemes. It was suggested that local Councillors raise any concerns about this directly with the appropriate officers. **Action: All Councillors**

Resolved (unanimously) –

- (1) that **Councillors agree the following 2015/16 Devolved Neighbourhood Budgets:**

(a) Highways Maintenance Budget including:

- (i) **Carriageway – No Budget (Undevolved)**
- (ii) **Footway – No Budget (Undevolved)**
- (iii) **Local Traffic Scheme Budget (£25,714 PA) - £72,495**
- (iv) **Minor Lines and Signs - £2,250**
- (v) **Narrow Estate Roads Contribution - £15,725**

(b) Well Being Budget (£30,000 PA) - £40,000

(c) Clean and Green Budget (£1,500 PA) - £3,171.76

(d) Parks Section 106 Budget - £138,725.85

- (e) Transport Section 106 Budget - £475, 251.60**
- (f) Other Section 106 Funding - £16,755.37**
- (g) Community Infrastructure Levy - £7,075.04**

Total £771,449.62 (£689,508.55 uncommitted)

and the following Community Infrastructure Level Schemes:

- 127 Lower Cheltenham Road, Montpellier - £1,425**
- 191 to 193 Church Road, Redfield - £3,375**
- 47 to 49 Barton Road, The Dings (1) - £1,577.54**
- 85 High Street, Easton - £697.50**
- Bristol Bridge House, Redcliffe Street, City Centre - £388.83**
- 165 Robertson Road - £301.54**
- 69 Colston Road, Easton - £317.41**

Total: £16,492.62

- (2) That the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to hold a Youth Activities funding round with a budget of £5,250 that is targeted to address priorities;**
- (3) That the NP agrees to hold two Transport Sub-Group meetings between October 2015 and by February 2016;**
- (4) That the NP agrees to hold two Environment Sub-Group meetings between October 2015 and February 2016;**
- (5) That at least six members of the Partnership agree to participate in each sub-group with the aim of working on the above objectives**

Action: Kurt James

New Equalities Training Date

The NP noted that this would be held at 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 22nd October 2015 and was being delivered by Bristol City Council Equalities Training.

Resolved – that the report be noted

Felix Road Adventure Playground Community Asset Transfer

The NP was requested to approve a request from Felix Road Adventure Playground Association (FRAPA) for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the new lease for the Felix Road Adventure Playground, Felix Road, Bristol BS5 0JW.

Resolved (24 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions) – that the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to the Community Asset Transfer of the Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Action: Kurt James/John Bos

Raising Employment Levels in the Ashley Easton Lawrence Hill Wards

The NP noted that the Council wanted to build local employment clauses into any future contracts. He also referred to a recent employment fair held at Trinity Hall on Thursday 1st October 2015 and made the following comments:

- (1) It had been an extremely successful event – 370 local people had attended and 53 employers;
- (2) There had been 40 interviews arising from this, with 1 person being offered a job on the day;
- (3) Engine Shed were in attendance and had sponsored the lunch.

There was another event which would be held in the Galleries on Tuesday 8th October. It was, however, not anticipated that it would be quite so big.

It was noted that the Council wanted to support a Work Zone in the AELH area.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Arena Consultation Update

The NP noted the details of the consultation process, as outlined during the discussion for Minute Number 19(A).

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Up Our Street

The NP noted an update on Up Our Street. They were advised that:

- (1) Lorena Alvarez would be leaving her role as Neighbourhood Co-ordinator on 16th October 2015. The NP noted that she had done a superb job in her work and encouraged a variety of community work in the area;
- (2) Stacey Yelland (Manager) would be on maternity leave from 16th October 2015

NP members were encouraged to send e-mails to Lorena and Stacey to congratulate them.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Making Sunday Special

It was noted that there had been a recent article about this in the Evening Post. It had been very successful but unfortunately the weather had been disappointing.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Action Plan Update

The NP noted this update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

St Pauls Learning and Family Centre Update

The NP noted this update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

City Wide Neighbourhood Partnership Update

The NP noted this update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

New Trees for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Update

The NP noted this update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

Highways Update

The NP noted this update.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

22 Any Other Business

Waste Consultation (Raised by Kurt James)

A waste consultation meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7th October 2015.

Graffiti (Raised by Kurt James)

Police had recently arrested 17 taggers, 9 of which had gone through the courts and 2 of which had received custodial sentences. The NP

commented that more resources were required to pay for the cost of removal.

Action: Kurt James to investigate the possibility of receiving income from any fines received for graffiti.

St Paul's Unlimited (Raised by Maryanne Kempf)

The NP discussed the possibility of a brain storming waste summit across agencies. It was noted that this could be discussed at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Partnership conference. However, it was also agreed that the AELH NP should work to find local solutions.

It was noted that a meeting was scheduled at St Paul's Learning Centre on Saturday 21st November 2015 and could be used to discuss this issue.

Action: Kurt James to set up a meeting to discuss this issue with the NP Chair and Councillors.

Bear Pit (Raised by Jo Curtis)

It was noted that there was an increasing problem with people facing aggressive and threatening behaviour in the Bear Pit.

Action: Mark Aston to liaise with the Street Wise Group to see if this problem can be tackled and then report back to the NP.

Centre of Excellence for Homelessness and Drug Addiction (Raised by Jane Brewerton)

Action: Kurt James to investigate the possibility of Bristol becoming a Centre of Excellence for Homelessness and Drug Addiction.

Full Circle (Raised by Jon Rogers)

This was noted that Full Circle signed a 15 year lease had signed a 15 year lease on the Docklands. 7 or 8 offices were available on the top floor to rent out.

Bristol West Athletics Club Open Day (Raised by Councillor Afzal Shah)

Bristol West Athletics Club were due to hold an Open Day. NP members were encouraged to attend.

Visit to Calais (Raised by Councillor Afzal Shah)

Any sleeping bags and equipment that NP members could provide would be welcome.

Rat Infestation (Raised by Sonny Richards)

The difficulties with rat infestation in Stapleton Road had been raised with the Mayor but it had not been possible yet to identify the source of the problem. The Water Company would carry out appropriate works to attempt to resolve this issue.

Caravans In St Werburghs (Raised by Councillor Rob Telford)

There was a growing problem of caravans in St Werburghs.

Trees (Raised by Hugh Holden)

There were now 12 more trees in the AELH area than previously through the use of Section 106 funding. A circle survey was being carried out in the area.

Picton Street Fair – 12th December 2015 (Raised by Daphne Muir)

The proceeds for this event would be given to Refugee Rights.

Action: Kurt James to add an item on Homelessness to the Agenda for the next meeting on Monday 30th November 2015.

Dispersal Order (Raised by Pete Bullard)

The recent Dispersal Order had been well received.

A Youth Special Event – Ashley Neighbourhood Forum - 6.30pm on Monday 19th October 2015 at the Malcolm X Centre (Raised by Neil Burwell)

The NP was reminded of the above event.

Arena - Consultation for AELH Area (Raised by Councillor Hibaq Jama)

The NP noted that, whilst this issue had been recently discussed at the Place Scrutiny Commission, there was an urgent need for more information to be provided to people living within the AELH area who would be the most heavily affected by the development.

Action: Kurt James to add to the Agenda for future NP meetings to provide regular updates.

Changes to Neighbourhood Partnership Boundaries As A Result of LG BCE Review (Raised by Kurt James)

It was noted that this information was available for NP members to look at.

Barton Hill Tenants Club (Raised by Kurt James)

It was noted that the Council was asking people's views as to what they thought the future of this building should be.

23 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held at 6.30pm on Monday 30th November 2015 at St Pauls Learning and Family Centre, 94 Grosvenor Road, Bristol BS2 8XJ.