

We, the neighbourhood partnership for Henbury, Brentry and Southmead wish to make plain our support for the Metrowest proposals and furthermore express our aspiration to see the Henbury opened as a loop.

As such we:

- Fully support the opening of a Henbury Loop in North Bristol, with new Stations at Ashley Down, Horfield, Filton North and Henbury and believes that an additional stop at Charlton should be explored.
- Urge the Mayor to contact the Local Enterprise Partnership and demand that the SEP reflects all party support for the Loop, and that the future population and business growth is reflected in their business model that justifies this.
- To lobby Government for a 10 year transport funding allocation from the national Major Transport Scheme Budget to enable delivery of the Greater Bristol Metro in its entirety. At present the budget is split into one six year and a further four year allocation. This is a barrier for the early delivery of the entire Metrowest scheme.
- Wishes to prioritise improvements to our existing station network. In February the Council unanimously agreed to support a £1.5m tier 2 capital scheme to expand on the Rail Stations Improvement Programme. This is a priority for this Council and our City. Plans should be expedited and work commenced as soon as possible.
- Requests the Mayor contacts the Leader of South Gloucestershire to explore ways in which developer contributions from the new Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood can be used to cover the construction costs of at least two stations in North Bristol. In addition a further contribution is secured towards the engineering work required to upgrade the track.

We would like the Mayor to respond to each of these proposals and use them as a blueprint to pursue the early delivery of the loop.

Yours sincerely,

Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership