



**AGENDA ITEM No:11**

**Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Report of:** Keith Houghton, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, Neighbourhood Management

**Title:** Devolved Services Report

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**Recommendation:**

1. To note the delivery of outstanding Highways works and intended completion dates **(Item 1)**
2. To approve the recommendation to set up a Traffic and Transport meeting in Autumn to consider alternative schemes for years 2 & 3 **(Item 1d)**
3. To note the situation with Clean and Green budget spends and confirm funding allocated **(Item 2)**
4. To note the updates on installation of new play areas **(Item 3)**
5. To note the latest update on S106 and CIL contributions devolved to the NP

## 1. Highways Updates

### Previous 2013/2014 Footway Maintenance

Total budget 2013/2014: £42,000.00 + £7,926.84 (previous years underspend) = £49,926.84

Ref	Location	Ward	Estimated cost	Status
F1	Avonleaze	Kingsweston	£16,900	<b>Complete</b>
F2	The Parade, Shire	Avonmouth	£7,300	<b>Completed</b>
F3	Old Quarry Road	Avonmouth	£18,500	<b>Completed</b>
F4	Failand Crescent	Kingsweston	£7,300	<b>Will be completed by December 2014</b>
		<b>Total £50,000</b>		

### 1.1 Devolved Budgets: Highway Maintenance Works: Footways and road surface treatments schemes

#### a. Carriageway Surface Dressing (2014/2015) - approved 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Budget: £7,100

Location	Ward	Estimate	Final cost	Update/ Date completed
Aylminton Walk	Kingsweston	£2,700		<b>completed</b>
St Edyths Road	Kingsweston	£4,400		<b>completed</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£7,100</b>		
<b>U/O-spend</b>				

b. Footway Maintenance (2014/2015) – approved 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Budget: £44,000

Location	Ward	Estimate	Final cost	Update/ Date completed
Ridingleaze	Kingsweston	£9,500		<b>Orders being placed to deliver before March 2015</b>
Trym Side & Area	Kingsweston	£15,000		
Grove Leaze & Area	Avonmouth	£15,000		
Napier Road	Avonmouth	£4,500		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£44,000</b>		
<b>U/O-spend</b>				

c. Outstanding Local Traffic Schemes

Location	Ward	Estimate	Final cost	Update/ Date completed	
Measures to improve visibility and road safety at the junction, Kingsweston	Kingsweston	£14,243.27		Scheme completed on 24/03/2014	Note: Additional signing to low bridge to be carried out under minor lining & signing.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Final cost</b>	<b>Update/ Date completed</b>	
Lane / Road junction					
Measures to deter inappropriate / inconsiderate parking, Pembroke Road, Shirehampton (adjacent to the Health Centre)	Avonmouth	£4,000.00		Site works completed on 18/04/2013. Final costings to follow.	Budget includes £1,500 Contribution from Health Centre and additional £1,000 held for contingency (from NP underspend on Sea Mills scheme).
Parking restrictions to deter parking too near to junction, Hung Road / Station Road, Shirehampton	Avonmouth	£4,000.00		<b>Completed</b>	
Pedestrian crossing facilities and parking restrictions, Westbury Lane, Sea Mills	Kingsweston	£11,633.00		Scheme completed March 2014	Total budget allocation = £39,133 of which £7,500 is S106 and £20,000 is IBFF funding. See corresponding tabs.
<b>TOTALS</b>					
<b>U/O-spend</b>					

d. 2014/2015 Local Traffic Schemes

**2014/15 budget £34,294** (plus £2,044.92 u/spend carried forward – Total: **£36,338.92**)

<b>Details</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>estimate</b>	<b>Final cost</b>	<b>Update/ Date completed</b>
Shirehampton Village Parking Review and Pedestrian Improvements	Design and Consultation – Minor Traffic Scheme	£29,784		Verbal update at meeting
New play equipment on Ridingleaze requires road safety measures - the pavement building out - Lawrence Weston	pavement building out – Minor Works	£7,000 - £8,000		Currently being implemented
Minor Signs and Lines	Implementation	£1,500		
<b>Total</b>		<b>£39,284</b>		

<b>2015/16 budget £17,147</b>		
Shirehampton Road/Kingsweston Road/Westbury Lane Junction Improvements*	Design and Consultation - Minor Traffic	£12,500

	Scheme	
Minor Signs and Lines	Implementation	£1,500
Minor Works	Implementation	£3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£17,000</b>
<b>2016/17 budget £17,147</b>		
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Minor Works	Implementation	£3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£17,000</b>

Please note: Highways are asking for an alternative scheme to be explored as the cost of delivery of this scheme will be £100,000 plus. This funding isn't identified yet.

**Recommendation: that a specific Traffic and Transport meeting be set up by the NP Co-ordinator to consider this request.**

## **2. Clean & Green Budget £1,500**

The Partnership agreed to allocate the outstanding 2013/14 Clean and Green budget at the 4<sup>th</sup> March NP Meeting as follows:

- Avonmouth - £275
- Shirehampton £25

Gary Brentnall, the Neighbourhood Officer for Avonmouth and Kingsweston NP, is following up this work.

All Clean and Green budget for 2013/14 is allocated.

2.1 Clean & Green Budget 2014/2015

Budget £1,500

<b>Avonmouth</b>			
<b>(£375 available)</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action recommended</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Kingsweston House	Autumn planting	2000 Bulbs for kingsweston	£100
<b>2014/15 Clean &amp; Green Fund remaining:</b>			<b>£275</b>

<b>Shirehampton</b>			
<b>(£375 available)</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action recommended</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>2014/15 Clean &amp; Green Fund remaining:</b>			<b>£375</b>

<b>Lawrence Weston</b>			
<b>(£375 available)</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action recommended</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Kingsweston House	Autumn planting	2000 Bulbs for kingsweston	£100
<b>2014/15 Clean &amp; Green Fund remaining:</b>			<b>£275</b>

<b>Sea Mills</b>			
<b>(£375 available)</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action recommended</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>2014/15 Clean &amp; Green Fund remaining:</b>			<b>£375</b>

### 3. New Play Equipment – Up-dates from Area Environment Officer

- Sea Mills – Fencing work, highways work and play installation all being worked on at present, most is installed - still waiting for the zip wire – completion likely start of October 2014
- Henacre site – completed



- Hallen Drive – internal BCC negotiations still taking place
- Ridingleaze – Complete

#### 4. Devolved Section106 Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions

Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership					
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 April 2014					
Site	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	NP Sign off	Purpose of Contribution
<b>Parks</b>					
Old Barrow Hill, Shirehampton	Parks Operations Manager	<b>£10,224.77</b>	10 Sep 2015		The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Old Barrow Hill
Former Portway Day Centre, Shirehampton	Parks Operations Manager	<b>£7,620.97</b>	No Limit		The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Portway Day Centre, St. Bernards Road
Former Shirehampton Baths, Park Road, Shirehampton	Parks Operations Manager	<b>£23,910</b> <i>(was £25,010.51)</i>	No Limit	September 13 allocated: £1,100 for a litter/dog bin at Kingsweston House	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Park Road

Valerian Close, Shirehampton	Parks Operations Manager	<b>£8,382.20</b> <i>(was £12,882.20)</i>	27 Jan 2017	September 13 allocated: £2,200 for 2 Litter/Dog waste bins at Portbury Social Club £2,300 for 2 benches in Springfield Park	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Valerian Close
<b>Transport</b>					
Prefab Site, Old Barrow Hill, Shirehampton	Traffic Manager	<b>£0.00/TBC</b> <i>(was £20,875.19 – final costs TBC )</i>	13 Jan 2015	Yes	The provision of junction improvements on Lower High Street and Old Barrow Hill, and dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the junction of Beachley Walk and Old Barrow Hill, Shirehampton. <b>Funding agreed for this scheme. Funding to be drawn down once scheme costs are known and scheme progresses</b>

Merebank, Kings Weston Lane, Avonmouth	Traffic Manager	<b>(TBC)</b>  <b>(was £66,591.70)</b>	No Limit	Funding for feasibility study agreed (not £ amount) in principal. Agreement to make accessible for walkers and cyclists, subject to full brief and consultation	The signalisation of the junction between Lakeside Link and Kings Weston Lane or for other transport initiatives within the vicinity of Merebank. <b>A proportion of this contribution to be applied to a feasibility study into measures to improve Kings Weston Lane. Funding to be drawn down once cost of feasibility study is known.</b>
Plot M6, Cabot Park, Avonmouth	Traffic Manager	<b>£16,687.69</b>	No Limit	NP previously requested that DVLA (owners) alter this so that it can be added to Merebank scheme above	The signalisation of the priority junction of Lakeside Link Road and Kings Weston Lane, Avonmouth
Former Iron Bridge PH, Westbury Lane, Kingsweston	Traffic Manager	<b>£0.00</b> <b>(£7,551.44)</b>	No Limit	Yes	The provision of enhanced pedestrian facilities on Westbury Lane, Bristol, adjacent to the former Iron Bridge PH. <b>Funding allocated to a pedestrian crossing scheme on Westbury Lane to be delivered in 2013/14. Scheme costs were £39,133. Remaining funding came from IBFF.</b>
Valerian Close, Shirehampton	Traffic Manager	<b>£14,687.97</b>	Jan 2017		The provision of sustainable transport measures in the

					immediate vicinity of the development
<b>Other</b>					
Former Portway Day Centre, Shirehampton	Community Buildings Officer	<b>£13,210.09</b>	No Limit	Allocated to help out with improvements but not currently required	The provision improvement and / or maintenance of community facilities situated at Shirehampton Public Hall

### Community Infrastructure Levy contributions devolved at end of August 2014

Date Received	Application	Site Address	Amount
31/10/2013	13/03396	47 St Marys Road Shirehampton	£1,025.25
04/06/2014	12/04448	1-2 Gloucester Road, Avonmouth	£2,550.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£3,575.25</b>

<i>our groupings - to help cluster priorities</i>	<i>NP priorities let's try to get standardised wording</i>		<i>3 or 4 priority actions</i>	<i>Mix of local need and stats if poss. these are just e.g's</i>	<i>specific locations and method</i>	<i>(fund, deliver, influence)</i>	<i>NP devolved and or identified source if known - or yet unidentified</i>	<i>Specify job role – this is so that we can manage staff resources and then go back to NP with request to prioritise</i>		<i>At this stage, how long it will take to do, later once finally agreed delivery time scales within the three years of this plan</i>	<i>Both local and stats if poss. – at this stage let's look at what we are currently doing and see where we can do things the same. These are just e.g's</i>
	The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained eg		by reducing litter	forums report quality of life stats , May gurney performance	inform, educate and enforce on (streets to be picked	deliver	0		GB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents who are satisfied with their local neighbourhood (or area) as a place to live.</li> <li>• % respondents who are satisfied public land is kept clear of litter and refuse.</li> <li>• % respondents who feel street litter is a problem.</li> </ul>
Environment	The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained eg		by reducing dog fouling	forums report quality of life stats , numbers of instances of fouling recorded , local surveys	Yellow Brick Rd, Longcross and Henacre area	deliver	0	NM team, PCSOs, 4x 3 hours sessions	GB		<p>Before and after counts, quality of life stats, local surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents who feel dog fouling is a problem.</li> </ul>

	The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained		Reducing Fly tipping	Forums, Resident complaints	Avonmouth Village – CCTV to be installed to record perpetrators, door to door campaigns speaking to residents to change perceptions and educate re responsibilities, work with Landlords to educate tenants	deliver	0	KH – work with private landlords team to identify landlords and write to them, SP/GB to install and monitor CCTV to catch perpetrators, AR/GB to several door knocking events. Ongoing monitoring and action when necessary	KH/AR	Improve ments by October 2014 then constant improve ments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents who feel their neighbourhood has got better/worse/not changed in the last 2 years</li> <li>• Local Environment Quality surveys</li> <li>• walkabouts</li> <li>• Parks and green spaces quality standards</li> <li>• May Gurney Performance indicators</li> <li>• Local environment quality standards</li> <li>• National to local targets</li> </ul>
	The NP area has quality parks and play areas		Play space for children and young people	Parks investment plan Funding provided through parks stimulus	To provide new play space in Seamills Square	Deliver	£140,000 secured,	Parks department, GB keep an eye on project and liaise with residents when needed	GB	Sept 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents who are satisfied with the quality of parks and green spaces.</li> </ul>
	The NP area has quality parks and play areas		Play space for children and young people	Parks investment plan Funding provided through parks stimulus	Provide play space as part of the development of the Seamills Primary School	Influence	Funds available but waiting for land transfer to happen.	Parks department, GB keep an eye on project and liaise with residents when needed	GB	2015	Quality of life/ survey
	The NP area has quality parks and play areas		Play space for children and young people	Parks investment plan Funding provided through parks stimulus	Finish off Henacre Play area and snag	Delivered	Fund available		GB	Installed - needs re grassing	Quality of life/ survey
	The NP area has quality parks and play areas		Play space for children and young people	Section 106 and NP partnership funding/ External funding being sought.	Improve park facilities in Richmond Terrace, develop costed options appraisal and keep a watching brief for funding opportunities	Deliver/influence	S106 plus NP funding	Play officer/GB/KH	GB/KH	2014/15	Quality of life/ survey
	The NP area quality parks and play areas		Play space for children and young people	No Funding at present.	Improve Beachly Walk play area. – keep a watching brief for opportunities	Influence	Circa £10k available S106	Play officer/GB/KH	GB/KH	On-going	Quality of life/ survey

							(needs spending before 2015)				
			To improve parks across the NP area as opportunities arise	On-Going	Key areas being Beverston, Stradling and Newland Court				GB		
			To improve formal space	On-going	Salt marsh open space (near the footbridge)						
			To improve formal space in shire	Some ASB. In need of new basketball court.	As part of Beachly Walk Scheme (also known as St Marys Park)				GB/Play officer		
			Improve planting schemes	On-going	Improve Shire Green		Clean and Green/Well Being.	Blaze Nursery.	GB SCAF		
			Improve access to existing open space	On-going	Improve the entrance to Nibley rd. and Lamplighters,		Potential CIL from the Lamplighters Pub?	B Pac			
					To improve access for disabled park users in the NP area as opportunities become available.			B pac			
	Reduce pollution (noise, dust and flies) from Avonmouth docks		Installing pollution measuring devices and working with pollution control to address issues as they arise  Communicate BCC response to residents			Influence other BCC departments,  Deliver communication		Pollution Control	NO and NPC, Councillors, Street Scene staff		
Traffic and Transport	The NP will deliver up to 1 local traffic scheme per year as agreed locally			use highways measurements of need	Whatever has been agreed but not yet done –  Shirehampton Village Parking Review and Pedestrian Improvements Design and Consultation – Minor Traffic Scheme  New play equipment on Ridingleaze requires road safety measures - the		£29,784  £7,000 - £8,000		KH	2014/15  2014/15	

					<p>pavement building out - Lawrence Weston pavement building out –</p> <p>Minor Works Minor Signs and Lines Implementation</p> <p>Shirehampton Road/Kingsweston Road/Westbury Lane Junction Improvements Design and Consultation - Minor Traffic Scheme</p> <p>Minor Signs and Lines Implementation Minor Works Implementation</p> <p>Shirehampton Road/Kingsweston Road/Westbury Lane Junction Improvements Implementation</p> <p>Minor Signs and Lines Implementation</p> <p>Minor Works Implementation</p>								<p>£1,500</p> <p>£12,500</p> <p>£1,500</p> <p>£3,000</p> <p>£12,500</p> <p>£1,500</p> <p>£3,000</p>				<p>2014/15</p> <p>2015/16</p> <p>2015/16</p> <p>2015/16</p> <p>2016/17</p> <p>2016/17</p>			
	The NP will Address local traffic issues		<p>Reduce parking on grassed areas</p> <p>Safer routes to school – reduce parking outside schools</p> <p>Reduce HGV access to Avonmouth Village</p>		<p>Parking / enforcement / parking schemes</p> <p>Speeding and speed limits, Community transport Parking on pavements</p> <p>Highways have agreed to replace all faded and contradictory signage – additional banners may be needed for the Gloucester Rd Gate and the park, warning drivers that there actions a illegal. Once signage is up, patrols to educate and move on drivers at night</p>	Deliver i														<p>Funding has been agreed by Highways for new signage -</p> <p>PCSO time and NW officers</p> <p>Abby (PCSO) and NPC</p> <p>Autumn 2014</p> <p>Reduction of HGVs parking overnight in Avonmouth Village</p>



	the NP will Provide platform for residents to have a voice on big centrally funded schemes				Volume of parking Volume of traffic Cost of transport Improving bus routes / transport links Major developments and transport implications						
younger and older people and families	NP will support for young people		Funding activities for young people  Enable young people to influence the work of the NP	Wellbeing priority	Filling gaps in youth provision  Support organisations run by young people Youth forums – input into NP (Youth Pact) Student/resident relations		Charlene has funds to deliver this but may need some coordination help	NPC/CD	KH	Now and ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents satisfied with leisure facilities/services for: teenagers</li> <li>No of teenagers who feel they can influence what goes on in their area.</li> </ul>
	NP will support for activities for older people		Reducing isolation	Wellbeing priority	Supporting Luncheon clubs and other activities of older people		Fund through well being				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents satisfied with leisure facilities/services for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• older people (over 65 years)</li> <li>• disabled people</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	NP will support for family support initiative's				fund projects aimed at supporting families		Fund through well being				
Crime and Community Safety	Continued reduction in crime		Work with Police and NDT to address issues as they arise								

	to Change the perception of crime in line with actual crime levels		Work with Police and other providers to reduce the fear of crime		education activities, road shows. PCSO and police actively engagement with NP and forum process					ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Confidence surveys</li> <li>• % respondents who say personal safety is a problem in their neighbourhood.</li> <li>• % respondents who feel safe outside in their neighbourhood after dark.</li> <li>• % respondents who feel locally, anti-social behaviour is a problem</li> <li>• % respondents who agree the police and local public services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour.</li> </ul>
			Reduce the myth that Domestic abuse is a private matter, and work with providers to ensure that more victims access services		NDT action plan in file. Keith you will need to input this						
	Build community resilience and enable x community to engage effectively with local democracy and build social capital		Increase participation in NP activities, In Avonmouth Village, With the Eastern European Communities With young people								

<b>Community development and Engagement</b>	Strong VCS organisations delivering quality projects in the area		Supporting existing groups to become stronger and more resilience		CD work Work needed with Seamills Together The Rock Support for Avonmouth Community Association SCAF	Support		CD			no of projects funded to support community infrastructure
	Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure that residents can influence decisions in their local neighbourhood and influence the public services they receive.										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents satisfied with how the council run things</li> <li>• % who agree the council provides value for money.</li> <li>• % who agree they can influence decisions that affect the public services they receive.</li> <li>• % respondents who volunteer for a charity or local community at least 3 times a year</li> <li>• % respondents who regularly use the internet at home</li> </ul> <p>All local services are responsive to local needs and delivered to a high standard.</p>
	ensure that disadvantage is addressed where it is found.										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reductions in indices of deprivation or indicators related to indices of deprivation</li> </ul>

Community buildings and facilities	Promote / take advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid etc. Future Development of Open Spaces and public areas	Supporting Ambition Lawrence Weston for the Youth Centre, supermarket and community hub  SCAF – shire hall  Avonmouth community Centre			Support, influence on their behalf funding			KH		
	Improve community buildings / facilities (standard, numbers and availability)	The Rock  Avonmouth community centre		Keep a watching brief and help with fundraising and other opportunities				KH		
	support activities to increase job readiness of the unemployed	Wellbeing fund  Ensure that the Jobs and skills working group continues  Working with partners to bring employment initiatives to Avonmouth and Kingsweston area  Working with Learning Communities Team to ensure pre-vocational training is available		Supporting employment land Jobs, skills and businesses  Helping local voluntary groups get access to funding opportunities  Supporting the training needs of unemployed residents				KH		Increase the number of residents with educational or technical qualifications.



<b>Health and Well being</b>	to support activities that promote wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle		Keith Work with Donna Sealy and Judith to Work up some projects		Transport access to health facilities Better access to GPs and other health services – particularly in areas with growing populations Increase numbers of volunteers Better working with PCT/health organisations Improve health of citizens Tackle use of drugs and alcohol						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % respondents who feel their health has been good/fairly good in the last 12 months</li> <li>• % respondents satisfied with health services</li> <li>• % respondents taking exercise at least 5 times a week</li> <li>• % respondents participating in active sport at least once a week</li> </ul>
<b>Housing, Planning and major projects</b>	to influence new developments in Lawrence Weston – see their community plan				working group set up inc officers and residents, Planning group set up, resident rep on Major Projects team			Joe Jefferies is the major projects link			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of proposed major developments influenced by the NP per annum</li> <li>• Amount of s106 or CIL raised or spent by the NP</li> </ul>
	to widen engagement activities to include more social tenants				Better links with housing formal structures Influence on policies that affect wider residents/tenure (e.g. pets in flats) Coordinated management of different tenure (BCC, RSL etc.) Consistency around engagement and links around engagement approach (e.g. attendance at forums where required)						



## APPENDIX 2

# AVONMOUTH BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2014

**Dear Resident,**

Following on from a meeting with community representatives in July, where we agreed to produce regular bulletins on how we are responding to issues in Avonmouth, we are now providing our second bulletin. We hope that you find these bulletins helpful and would welcome any comments on the content by contacting us on our dedicated Avonmouth number (**phone 0117922 2500 option 1**) or by email to [pollution@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@bristol.gov.uk)

### **Dust Monitoring**

As mentioned in the first briefing Bristol City Council, Public Health England and the Environment Agency are working jointly on this issue. As a result the Environment Agency's national air quality monitoring team has recently installed an air quality monitoring station within the Port to monitor air quality in the area. This has been followed by Bristol City Council whose monitoring station is at Avonmouth Primary School, Nursery and Family Centre. The monitoring is running for a period of three months after which both sets of data will be collated and cross referenced. The collation is likely to take two to three months. We will share the results with the public and depending on the outcome consideration will be given as to whether a permanent monitoring station is needed.

## Dust Analysis

We have submitted five samples of dust for analysis and can now report the results as follows:-,

- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 dust was taken from the rear of a car windscreen at Green Lane it consisted of fine brown coloured dust, there was insufficient sample to characterise properties.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 at King Street, dust was taken from the roadside, it consisted of coarse and fine vegetable and inorganic matter, 82.5 % inorganic, 17.5% organic. (Consisting of Siliceous rock material, limestone, glass fragments, carbonaceous material, plastic, vegetable matter, manmade fibres, insect fragments, paint flakes, hairs, natural cloth, and heavy metals identified as Iron (strongest peak), Manganese, Zinc, Lead, Copper, Nickel, Chromium, Cadmium.
- On the 12 May 2014, black dust was taken from a patio, in Poole Street, consisting of coarse and fine vegetation and inorganic matter. Siliceous rock, limestone, glass, carbonaceous, plastic, vegetable matter, manmade fibres, insects, magnetic properties were identified.
- On the 12 May 2014 dust was taken from a Wheelie Bin at Poole Street, consisting of Fine vegetable matter and inorganic materials, consisting of Siliceous rock, limestone, glass, carbonaceous, plastic, vegetable matter, manmade fibres, insects, magnetic properties identified.
- A further 30g sample was subsequently taken from King Street roadside ditch and submitted. The outcome of the analysis results was again inconclusive and similar to the previous samples taken.

The conclusions from the laboratory are that it is not possible to identify the source of the dust as there is nothing in the samples that could be used to characterise them as coming from a particular location.

It is anticipated that the detailed monitoring units being installed by Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency may help identify any potential sources of dust.

Due to the nature of the samples it is not possible at this stage to say whether the airborne dust is harmful to health. The detailed scientific dust monitoring results when available, (which is being undertaken by the Environment Agency and Bristol City Council) will help us determine if the dust is harmful to health, we will be working with Public Health England to provide this information in due course



## **Noise**

Bristol City Council has obtained a signed agreement with Sims to reduce unnecessary noise from their operation. This specifies measures such as the maximum distance of drop when releasing scrap from the gantry crane into the vessel's hold and restricting movement of scrap on the quayside when there is no vessel in dock.

Bristol City Council will also be engaging an independent expert for an opinion on the suitability of the agreement with reference to UK Statutory Nuisance legislation and EU noise level requirements. We will report back the findings of the independent expert in the next few months.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

We are building up responses to a number of FAQ's that have been raised with us, we have previously circulated responses relating to fly issues. We have now updated the list. If there are other questions that you would like us to include then please get in touch.

### **What special rules apply to the Port re planning permission**

The Bristol Port Company does not generally require planning permission to build structures or to allow their land to be used for activities related to the Port. This is defined as 'permitted development' in planning legislation and does not need planning permission. It is not unusual for operators at the dock to apply for a 'Certificate of Lawful Development' which is confirmation that the activity they wish to carry out does not require planning permission and therefore cannot be subject to conditions to mitigate any harmful impacts.

### **What about Future Developments?**

Concerns have been raised about a proposed bottom ash facility within the Port. The Environment Agency recently contacted the company proposing the facility and there seems to be no imminent sign of this starting. Before it could start to operate the company would require an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency which would stipulate controls. Details of any proposed permit would be subject to public consultation with details appearing on the Environment Agencies Web Site.

## **What are the regulations that control activity at the Docks?**

Regulations for waste processes and practices are generally enforced by the Environment Agency. They normally require waste management firms to operate under a permit which will specify what activities are allowed and what measures must be in place to reduce environmental harm.

There are different levels of permit, the greater the potential environmental impacts the operation has, the more stringent the permit and the more frequently they will be monitored. A permit will consider the potential risks to the environment and will require the operator to adhere to the requirements set by the Environment Agency.

There are some exceptions whereby the City Council has responsibility. An example of this is the introduction of the new method for exporting RDF waste following the withdrawal of the authorisation previously granted by the Environment Agency as a result of the problems encountered with storing RDF bales on the quayside. The new operation involves 'Live Loading' where bales of RDF are transported on lorries to the quayside and transferred directly into the awaiting ship. No bales are stored in the Port. This operation falls outside of the remit of the Environment Agency. In order to prevent any repeat of the earlier problems Bristol City Council served pre-emptive Statutory Nuisance Notices to ensure the companies involved have appropriate control measures in place. To date two vessels have been loaded with RDF bales using this method. Both operations were monitored by officers of the Council and took place without any issues. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

## **Who gives out permits to businesses at the Port?**

The Environment Agency issues permits to businesses at the Port for the activities that they regulate. Bristol City Council could be the regulator depending on the type and scale of process.

## **What is the Council doing to help mitigate the fly problem?**

Bristol City Council has supplied both fly spray and fly paper to residents and undertaken regular monitoring of the area since the initial problem was identified. Officers have been monitoring the area for flies and smells and visited a number of sites, including known waste sites, commercial and domestic premises, and the water treatment works. No major infestations have been found although there have been some reports from residents about continued fly issues. A number of residents have reported issues with flies from bins which is being dealt with.

### **When will the flies go away?**

The situation seems to be improving, and the fly population should reduce significantly within the next few months.

### **What can we do to limit the impact of the flies?**

Remaining flies will be attracted to any damp, decaying organic waste material such as dirty household dustbins, commercial / trade waste, animal waste etc. where they will attempt to lay eggs and continue their life cycle.

Therefore, the regular removal of such waste matter and good hygiene will help reduce the impact of the residual fly population.

The spraying of food recycling bins may have helped to knock out foraging adult insects, however we would like householders to help by ensuring that all waste in black bins is bagged and tied tightly and bins kept lidded to prevent flies gaining access

### **A number of issues have been raised about an increase of Rats in the Area what is being done to deal with this?**

Bristol City Council's Pest Control Team and Environmental Health Officers have been investigating reports of rat problems, a number of visits and treatments have been made and joint visits have taken place with the Port Company's Pest Controllers to identify any potential major sources. Although some reports have been received no major source has been found. BCC's Pest Control Team will continue to monitor the area. If you have any rat issues please contact 0117 9222500 and press the Pest Control option,

### **How do we contact the Environment Agency?**

If you wish to report an incident to the Environment Agency incident hotline please call on 0800 80 70 60 (24hrs).