



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Bishopston, Cotham, Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 25th January 2012

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The NP is asked:

- **To note the updates from the recent Forums**
- **To note The Neighbourhood Priorities Update. To discuss these, with a view to retaining and/or adding to them**
- **To note the latest updates relating to the devolved responsibilities of this NP**
- **To note the progress updates on devolved traffic and Highways schemes**
- **To note the current position regarding the Well Being fund**
- **To note the latest meetings schedule and advise the AC in its updating**

1. Updates from Forums

Priorities raised	Comments and requests for action	Who is responsible for chasing action?
COTHAM Forum Thursday 1st December 2011		
Bins on the Gloucester. This is a specific reference to the large bins on The Promenade. This is in Redland ward and has been	Gloucester Road Task Group is currently dealing with this issue. A funded solution is currently being worked up with the BCC Highways team	Gloucester Road task Group. BCC Highways

forwarded to the officers and task Group concerned		
Lack of bins in Cotham Gardens. Litter problem on Lovers Walk and in the park	Could more bins be put in? NDO has inspected the area and it is currently clean. A careful watch will be kept and street cleaners will be directed to patrol at worst times	Forwarded to the Parks Officer for this area.
Rowan Tree on St Ronan's Avenue looks diseased.	Will be checked by BCC Tree officer. If so, it will either be treated or removed and replaced.	BCC Tree Officer
REDLAND Forum Thursday 6th October 2011		
Costa Coffee. Appeal against café opening on Gloucester Rd due to lack of permission to do so.	Objection hearing due.	Check with BCC planning
What will be knock on effect of residents' parking scheme in Cotham be on Redland?	Consultation period complete. Highways to report back on outcomes	BCC Highways
Speeding cars, Cromwell Rd	Sustainable Transport Bid submitted which, if successful will allow for speed reduction work, including possible 20mph zones. A residents' speed watch programme being launched. Residents are welcome to get involved.	NDO – Lynn Parfitt
Parking with wheels on grass and pavements near church on Redland Green	Report to Parking Services Team: customer.services@bristol.gov.uk Phone 0117 922 2100	BCC Parking Services. All residents
Fence on Redland Green at Cossins Rd entrance	This is now resolved. Fence will be removed.	BCC Parks – Area Environment Officer
Difficulty crossing at top of Berkley Rd	Why difficult? Parking? Speeding? Would signage help?	BCC Highways

Insufficient lighting on stretch near bowling green.	Telephone 0117 922 2100 8.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 0117 922 2050 for all other times.	BCC Highways, all residents
Bins on the promenade a untidy	The Gloucester Road Task Group has a project budget to resolve this on-going problem. A scheme of works will be drawn up in the coming weeks and months	Area Co-ordinator and Gloucester Road Task Group
May Gurney - what are they doing with the leaves they collect?	Email: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/forms/street-cleansing Phone: 0117 922 2100	All residents
Litter at 1 Redland Court Rd. Can Section 215 be used to enforce cleaning of this litter?	Phone: 0117 922 2100	All residents
Speeding bicycles in Redland Green Park at Rush Hour	Signage, separate lanes? Passed to NP's Area Environment Officer	BCC Area Environmental Officer
Drug dealing Redland Green Park	Police patrols. Police to report back	Neighbourhood Police Team
Motorbikes at Redland Green Park. Associated with drug dealing.	Police patrols. Police to report back	Neighbourhood Police Team
Exit from Alderman's Park garage. Parked cars block the view of drivers exiting the garage	Concern that RGS pupils cannot be seen as cars exit the garage. Can this be a Highways scheme?	Highways Task Group
Students walking across grass turn it into unsightly muddy patch. Request 106 or Wellbeing money used to resolve this.	Where? Well Being Application. Who submits?	BCC Area Environmental Officer. Area Coordinator

Air Pollution caused by changing car habits due to recession and multi storey car park at Cabot Circus - can this be monitored locally?	Pass to Highways for response	BCC Highways
BISHOPSTON Forum Thursday 29th November 2011		
Bins on promenade (Redland ward) a mess.	The Gloucester Road Task Group has a project budget to resolve this on-going problem. A scheme of works will be drawn up in the coming weeks and months	Area Co-ordinator and Gloucester Road Task Group
Memorial stadium consultation. Road Safety, parking, planning issue, inappropriate location	No planning application submitted yet.	NP, local councillors
Council Litter Bin on Gloucester Rd: bin locks broken on bin at Rising Sun and bin at Sainsbury's Zetland Rd; bin broken away from base (by bus shelter by public toilets); fag ends in hole at base of bin at Olive shop and by Glos Rd PO (metal in bins need replacing)	Please report to 0117 9222100 To be forwarded to appropriate officer to be dealt with.	Area Environment Officer
Street scene issues - Fly posting	Gloucester Road Task Group removes and reports flyposting from Gloucester Road on a regular basis. Online reporting: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/forms/graffiti-fly-posting#step1 or phone: 0117 922 2100	Report fly posting either online or by phone. Please ensure you get a case number
Air Pollution caused by changing car habits due to	Pass to Highways for response	BCC Highways

recession and multi storey car park at Cabot Circus - can this be monitored locally?		
Air Pollution caused by slow moving heavy traffic on Ashley Down Rd	As above	BCC Highways
Unused bus stop - Ashley Down Rd outbound	Can it be removed? To be reported to Highways.	BCC Highways
Plastic for recycling overflowing at back of Co-op.	May Gurney's kerbside plastic recycling not due to start yet (roll out by June 2012) Please phone 0117 9222100	Area Environment Officer to explore. All residents can report
Rubbish overflowing from student rented properties (HMOs) - not enough bins for households.	Specific details needed. These can then be forwarded to May Gurney	Area Environment Officer
Junk mail.	Mailing Preference service free service to stop junk mail: www.mpsoline.org.uk Tel 0845 7034599	All
ASB issues and parking complaints City of Bristol College/ Arthur Milton Street	Police have patrolled and will continue to patrol. No recent problems	Neighbourhood Police Team
Gas/ Electric boxes- Damage in Queens Rd/ Bromley Rd	To be reported to appropriate provider	NDO
Parents parking out side primary schools in area	Report to Parking Services Team: customer.services@bristol.gov.uk Phone 0117 922 2100	All
Nuisance Begging on Gloucester Rd	Police regularly patrol. Report any concerns to the police. Phone 101	Neighbourhood Police Team

2. Neighbourhood Priorities update

Since early 2010, the NP has sought to engage with residents in order to draw up a list of core priorities. Since then, the NP has undertaken a lot of work that has sought to address the agreed priorities. The attached report (**Appendix 1**) provides an update on progress against each of the priorities.

Work on these priorities will continue. The NP is asked to provide guidance on any new priorities it believes should be added to the current list, and to suggest any additional actions it would like to add to the current priorities.

3. Devolved budgets update

Clean and Green

The Neighbourhood Partnership has an allocation of £1,500 per annum under this budget. £400 was also carried forward from the 2010/11 allocation, making a total available for this year of **£1,900**. This budget is under the management of the Area Environment Officer for Parks and Street Scene, but is a devolved budget under the control of the NP. At the June 2011 NP meeting, it was agreed that all of this year's allocation and the funds carried forward from last year would go towards the Gloucester Road Project. A detailed breakdown on the expenditure of this budget will be provided at a future NP meeting. The NP is reminded that the allocation has been added to a Well Being grant of £3,364 for the Gloucester Road Project.

S106

Section 106 allocations are now made by the NPs, working with officers from the relevant teams. As can be seen in the table below, there are 3 allocations that are of relevance to this NP. The Parks allocation of **£8,683.19** must be spent within 1 mile of the development at 288 Gloucester Road. Parks and green spaces within the NP and within 1 mile include (our) part of Horfield Common, Redland Green and St Andrew's Park.

The expenditure of this allocation should be undertaken in reference to the Area Green Space priorities for the NP (see attached report)

The provision of **£4,590.00** is for tree replacement in the vicinity of the new office block development at the top of Redland Hill. Details of the number of trees, types of trees, and the definition of 'vicinity' can be developed in coming weeks and months. It is of interest to note that this development, whilst in BCR, is as at a point where three NP boundaries meet.

The allocation of **£63,817.98** has been allocated to support the rebuilding of the scout premises in Bartholomew Road, behind the (previous) Sefton Park Youth Centre. The scout hut is located in Ashley ward but has many troupe members from Bishopston and Redland wards. Progress updates will be provided at future NP meetings.

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 30 November 2011				
Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
Parks				
06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...677	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£8,683.19	31 Jan 13	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 288 Gloucester Road
10/04509 / Redland House, Redland Hill, Redland / ZCD...A04	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£4,590.00	28 Sep 16	The provision of off-site replacement tree planting in the vicinity of the development
Other				
00/02850 / City of Bristol College Site, Ashley Down Road, Ashley Down / ZCD...944	John Bos (Community Buildings Officer)	£63,817.98	30 Sep 13	The provision of improvements to the community centre facilities located at the existing Sefton Park Youth Centre or such other organisation as may be running the Youth Club facility located there in order to serve the needs of the development

Update on devolved transport schemes

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership	
Devolved Transport Schemes 2011/12 - Update	
Local Traffic Schemes (£25,714 to spend)	Current Position
Redland Court Road/Redland Road – Road safety concerns at junction - £4,000 (scheme T1)	Analysis of consultation to be completed
Coldharbour Road and St Oswald's Road – review and introduce parking restrictions - £5,000 (scheme T4)	Consultation complete. Analysis to be completed. This will be carried forward in to 2012/13
Elgin Park – junction improvement to include review of priorities - £10,000 – (scheme T7)	Preliminary design complete, but site observation has led to redesign of scheme. Consultation has been delayed as a consequence. This will be carried forward in to 2012/13
Path between Lilstock Avenue and Dirac Road. Build out footway and install bollards (or trees) - £5,000 (scheme T12)	Update pending
Archfield Road – to conduct a feasibility study to assess options to improve safety for pedestrians - £3,000 (scheme T2)	This will be carried forward in to 2012/13
Gloucester Road at Longmead Avenue. To conduct a feasibility study to review options for improving pedestrian crossings - £3,000 – (scheme T9)	Update pending
Minor lines and signs. To allocate £2,250 to officers for dealing with ad hoc requests for improvements to minor lines and signs	Measures delivered throughout the year at officers' discretion
(Residual Scheme) Cotham Parking restrictions.	Notices on site January 2012
Carriage Surface Dressing (£25, 510 to spend)	
Kings Drive (Paulton drive to Bishop Road) £2,580 – (scheme C2)	Complete
Cranbrook Road (Clare Avenue to Kersteman Road) £5,805 (scheme C3)	Complete

Redland Hill £2580 – (scheme C4)	Complete
Cotham Hill - £1,505 (scheme C5)	Complete
Brynland Avenue - £2,820 (scheme C6)	Complete
Seymour Road - £4,650 (scheme C8)	Complete
Maplemead - £630 (scheme C9)	Complete
Footway Resurfacing (£66,000 to spend)	
Chandos Road - £24,000 (scheme F2)	Underway
Willoughby Road - £24,000 (scheme F3)	Underway
Queen's Drive (north side only) – approx £16,000 (scheme F4 modified)	Underway

Well Being Update

There are 3 applications pending (please see report). These are:

- Horfield Quaker House (£2,000)
- Whiteladies Road Community/Business Development Officer (£5,000)
- Chess in the Community (£2,500)

If these are funded, this will leave a total of **£19,306.13** remaining for this financial year.

It has been confirmed that all unspent Well Being money can be carried forward in to 2012/13. Please see below for the detailed breakdown for the current year.

Project	Notes	£ Awarded	2011/12 Starting total £56,788
Gloucester Road Task Group	Allocated but still held in WB account	3,664.00	53,124.00
New bin on Draycott Triangle	Allocated but still held in WB account	600.00	52,524.00
Pavement Planting pots	Allocated in 2009/10 but not yet spent (confirmation to be sought)	2,000.00	50,524.00
RCAS Fruit trees	Allocated £80 spent to date	500.00	50,024.00
St Andrew's and St Bartholomew Scout Group		2,000.00	48,024.00
Friends of Horfield Common		1,250.00	46,774.00
18th Bristol Scout Group		4,000.00	42,774.00
Paddling Pool opening hours	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	420.00	42,354.00
Friends of Horfield Common – Bulbs	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	250.00	42,104.00
Tree Growing	£5,000 allocated 2008/9. To date 3,820 has been spent, (TreeBristol - Internal transfer 2011/12). A refund of £600 is due for trees not being planted on Brynland Avenue. This leaves £1,780 allocated but not spent. Still held in WB account	5,000.00	37,104.00
City Church - Eye Youth Club	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	1,155.00	35,949.00
Tango West	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	1,500.00	34,449.00
Redland Street parties	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	1,100.00	33,349.00
Friends of Horfield Common - Accessible WC	Allocated 2010/11 paid out 2011/12	2,500.00	30,849.00
Noah's Ark @CRBC		1,367.87	29, 481.13
Ashley Down Road School		475.00	29, 006.13
Anti-Graffiti Volunteer Group		200.00	28,806.13
	Total remaining =		28,006.13

4. Meeting Schedule

	Quarter 4	New Quarter 1	New Quarter 2
Neighbourhood Partnership / Committee	7.00pm Monday 2 nd April venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 18 th June Venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 22 nd October venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Pre meeting	2.00pm Monday 26 th March Brunel House	4.00pm Monday 11 th June venue tbc	4.00pm Monday 15 th October Venue tbc
Informal Neighbourhood Partnership meeting	5.00pm Wednesday 21 st February venue tbc	5.00pm Tuesday 15 th May venue tbc	5.0pm Tuesday 24 th July venue tbc
			
Bishopston Forum	7.00pm Monday 5 th March Memorial Ground	7.00pm Wednesday 16 th May venue tbc	7.00pm Wednesday 5 th September venue tbc
Cotham Forum	7.00pm Wednesday 14 th March venue tbc	7.00pm Monday 14 th May venue tbc	7.00pm Tuesday 4 th September venue tbc
Redland Forum	7.00pm Wednesday 7 th March Cairns Road Baptist Church	7.00pm Wednesday 9 th May venue tbc	7.00pm Thursday 6 th September venue tbc
Well Being Panel	tbc	tbc	tbc
Communication and Engagement Task Group	5.00pm Tuesday 10 th January	tbc	tbc
Environment Task Group (including AGSP & S106)	6.30pm 20 th February Venue tbc	tbc	tbc
Gloucester Road Task Group	8.30am Tuesday 7 ^h February Brunel House	8.30am Tuesday 3 rd April Bruenl House	tbc
Highways Task Group (inc Tree Group?)	tbc	tbc	tbc



**BISHOPSTON, COTHAM & REDLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
Informal NP**

Report of: Andrew McGrath

Title: Neighbourhood Partnership (DRAFT) Headline Priorities

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There have been numerous opportunities taken to consult with NP residents since early 2010. Consultation methods include:

- Open Space Event Jan 2011 Sessions with local schools (Cotham School, Redland Green School)
- Information gathered from Forums
- Email Wellbeing consultation
- Westbury Park Community Association
- Post-it notes at Neighbourhood Forums
- Redland Mayfair 2010
- NP Open Meeting - Young Peoples Group

The information gathered has been condensed in to the headline priorities below. These appear in Bold at the top of each box. The updates are below or attached as appendices. It is worth mentioning that a significant ratio of issues raised at Forum meetings are related to the priorities. Therefore many of the priorities are progressed both reactively and strategically. This report sets out the strategic progress of the priorities.

Please note: The priorities are not solely for the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) to action and/or deliver. Council Departments and other agencies are now looking at the priorities for each NP area when planning service delivery and targeting resources which is why it crucial this NP also has a set of priorities.

Parks and Green Spaces

The Neighbourhood Partnership would like clean, well-maintained parks and green spaces that are well used by local people. Residents also want to have a say on what happens to local green spaces in the future.

Update:

The main task of the Parks and Green Spaces Group has been to agree the Area Green Space Priorities for the NP. The way this work has been co-ordinated has been to invite representatives of the four identified Parks Groups in the NP (Cotham Gardens, St Andrews, Horfield Common, Redland Green) area to come together to agree a single set of priorities that the NP will then work towards achieving.

This will be a twenty year plan and was originally drawn up on the assumption that significant elements of the funding requirements for identified priorities would be made available via the sell-off of unwanted green spaces in the city. Following widespread concern, this sell-off has now been severely reduced, and the probable proceeds from any sales (if any are agreed) are likely to be very limited.

Please see the attached **(Page 13)** from the NP's Area Environment Officer, who is leading on the AGS prioritising.

It is also agreed that any issues relating to park matters that are raised at Forums will be directed to the relevant Parks Group as well as the Area Environment Officer.

Traffic and Sustainable Transport

The Neighbourhood Partnership would like improvements to public transport and traffic management, including some parking controls. We would also like safer streets for pedestrians & cyclists.

Update

As a devolved budget from BCC, the NP has a role in allocating funds to Local traffic schemes as well as carriageway dressing and footway reconstruction. Please see attached the latest progress update **(pages 19 & 23)**. Previous allocations are on record and can be provided if required. At its meeting on 6th December the Highways Task Group agreed that the Carriageway Surface Dressing and Footways budgets should revert to BCC

Highways, as they are the experts. The Task Group expects to remain updated and make suggestions as it sees fit. It would like regular pothole reports and to be updated on complaints relating to pathway problems reported by residents. For the latest update see Clive's report (attached).

Other relevant issues over which the NP has had influence include the promotion of the consultation regarding the Cotham Residents' Parking Scheme, which has not yet been reported on.

Two elements of the BCR Community Safety Plan make specific reference to residents' traffic and highways concerns. These are:

- **Cyclists On Pavements Gloucester Road**
- **Inappropriate Speeds of Vehicles on Residential streets BRC**

Progress on these issues is reported in the attached Community Safety update (**pages 7-12**)

Issues relating to traffic, transport and highways form a significant ratio of all issues raised at Forums. These are passed to the BCC Highways (and other teams) for resolution. It has now been agreed that all issues on this subject will also be passed to the Highways Task Group as well.

There has been a recent Public Consultation on possible waiting and parking restrictions in the Ashley Down Road area. The Bishopston Forum has promoted this consultation. Outcomes of the consultation pending.

Equalities Communities

The Neighbourhood Partnership supports projects and activities that encourage & enable:

- **All people to feel safe in public spaces**
- **An increase in provision and facilities for older people, and young people and those facing disadvantage**
- **Better relations and communication between students and residents**
- **Neighbourliness within the community**

The NP has best been able to improve community relations via its Well Being process. Projects supported to date by the BCR NP include the following:

Table below provides the breakdown of expenditure of the bespoke older people's well being fund in 2010/11. Funding was provided for one year only.

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	WARD	AMOUNT
Spence Practice	Set up costs for new Saturday Social Club at GP practice	Bishopston	£521
Good Shepherd Close Gardening Scheme	Support for Brunel Care residents to develop low maintenance garden plus workshop to include other elderly residents in the area	Bishopston	£539
Sustainable Bishopston	Contribution towards energy saving workshops to be held locally in Bishopston – 10 places (50%) for the elderly	Bishopston and Redland	£504
Tyndale Circle Day Centre	Appropriate chairs for the users	Cotham and adjoining NP	£936
Tyndale Circle Day Centre	Travel bursary for taxi fares for those members who do not have access to personal transport and are unable to walk to the Centre unaided	Cotham and adjoining NP	£2000
Total Allocation			£4,500
Funds remaining unallocated			£0

In addition to this fund, the Well Being Fund has provided money to numerous projects that aim to improve facilities and provision for younger people. Examples include - three scouts groups, a waste doctor project aimed at students, two youth clubs and three projects for toddlers. Funding has also been provided for street parties in the area.

The NP has a permanent seat for a Bristol University students' rep. This has proved a fruitful relationship in the past.

The NP has taken a strong strategic lead in re-shaping the community safety input for the area. Agreed priorities include: Problem cyclists; ASB issues particularly regarding the Gloucester Road and Whiteladies Road. A burglary Action Plan has been introduced for Cotham and Redland, with particular emphasis placed on providing advice to students; A speedwatch programme is being introduced to enable residents to help reduce speeding in identified areas. A quarterly update is provided by the NP's Community Safety Officer (**pages 7-12**).

The NP Communication and Engagement Task Group is seeking to develop its communication with residents. Other organisations in the NP area already have a successful track record of engaging with residents on specific issues (RCAS, Bishopston Society etc).

To date, the database has now been populated, training identified for management of the website, the promotion of Neighbourhood Forums has been overhauled and is now more targeted and comprehensive, The NDOs need to be the key resource in promoting the NP and its Forums. NDOs have been tasked with developing a 'hitlist' of organisations to visit and nurture in order to promote the NP and to enable residents to raise issues **(Page 31)**. (See notes of C&E Task Group)

Improve the Local Environment / Street Scene

The Neighbourhood Partnership would like a healthy, clean, tidy and well-maintained environment.

This includes:

- **Improvements to the accessibility and appearance of the Gloucester Road**
- **Reduction of graffiti and fly-posting across the area**
- **Planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs where possible and appropriate**

The NP has a comprehensive and detailed tree plan for new trees in the area. In the short/mid term the NP would like to plant up to 75 new trees and has identified all the proposed sites for these. This number may well reduce after services searches are complete. It is envisaged that the cost of these trees will be met via a combination of local sponsorship and the BCR Well Being Fund.

The NP has the target of increasing the tree canopy in BCR from its current percentage of 13.2% to 18%. Bishopston has a particularly low canopy percentage (10.1%). (Tree Group provides regular updates).

Update on Gloucester Road Project **(Page 17)**

The Neighbourhood Partnership also supports and encourages activities and projects that:

- **Improve relations and communication between local businesses and residents.** A recent NP project (under the auspices of the Gloucester Road Project) has started to bring together traders on the Gloucester Road. A very positive meeting was held in November that identified numerous issues effecting businesses. These particularly relate to issues of parking and traffic. The BCC officer attending has taken away a number of actions. **(Report Pages 29-30)**
- **Support the small business community.** See above re Gloucester Road. Cllr Harrison is currently seeking to raise funds to employ a temporary officer for traders on Whiteladies Road and Cotham Hill. This community/business development worker will be employed for 6 months. They will support and encourage small businesses to thrive in an area where restaurants and bars have become more dominant.
- **Promote local arts where it is likely to appeal to a wide section of the community.** No progress to report
- **Support the development of community facilities and activities.** This is being achieved mainly via the Well Being Fund. See above.
- **Encourage food sustainability e.g. the amount of locally grown / bought food, including the use of allotments.** No progress to report
- **Promote the provision of primary school places to meet local need.** The Neighbourhood Forums has provided residents of Redland and Bishopston wards with the opportunity to discuss the burgeoning Primary School places problem in the NP area. Local parents have been able to question BCC officers and have been informed of latest proposals. It has recently been informally announced that Redland ward will (possibly as a result of issues raised at recent Redland Forums) be given a new primary school provision. This is currently the only ward in the city without a primary school.