



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Bishopston, Cotham, Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 22nd October 2012

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The NP is asked:

- **To note the updates from the recent Forums**
- **To note updates relating to the devolved responsibilities of this NP and to agree spending the remaining S106 allocation that expires at the end of January 2013**
- **To note the current position regarding the Well Being fund**
- **To note the latest update regarding the 20 MPH consultation**
- **To note the latest meetings schedule and advise the AC in its updating**

1. Updates from Forums (next page)

Bishopston Forum

Wednesday 5th September 2012

Chair: Cllr David Willingham

Attendance: 40

Residents: 32 **Councillors:** Cllr Bev Knott, Cllr David Willingham

Neighbourhood Police Team: Sergeant Sean Underwood; PC Derek Black

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator; Stuart Patterson, Community Confidence Manager, Safer Bristol; Dan Wall, Prison Officer; Prison Officer Reece.

Date of Next Forum: 11th December, Memorial Stadium.

Representatives of Horfield Prison attended and discussed the work of the prison. They took questions and discussed the prison's role in the community. Residents were informed of an open day at the prison on Saturday 15th September. All residents were welcome to attend (prior notice required). Residents were also informed of the NP's working groups, including a new group launching in October to be called the BCR Street Scene Group. All are welcome to get involved. A first meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday 3rd October.

Issues raised at or prior to the Forum are listed below

No	Issue
1	Blocked drain at resident's home in Station Road. Resident thinks this is due to too many dwellings using same drainage system
2	Resident feels there is a need activities for young people, more community opportunities for meeting places, youth clubs etc. Suggests basketball net & possibly youth shelter behind Muller House in park, or new school.
3	Request from residents for basketball net for young people in Station Rd area.
4	Toilets closed in St Andrew's Park. What is happening about this? Are there restricted hours?
5	Station Rd. Teenagers from college smoking weed and hanging around on bench in front of green area in front of station. Suggested solution: talk to college.
6	Collection of bins and boxes in Lilstock Ave – half the time they are not collected.
7	Section 106 money from housing development: can we have more

	information about plans to put swings in park behind city of Bristol College (Brunel Site) and the plans to put in new café.
8	Litter and mess (bottles and glasses) outside late opening pubs such as Golden Lion (244 Gloucester Rd), also Lloyds TSB cash point, Sat am & Sun am
9	Play area in Horfield Common– needs updating, not enough things. A café would be good.
10	Path opposite park, speed bumps on path (5 in all), worse one at end of garages – need to paint bumps with yellow visibility paint. Garages behind Ardagh.
11	Rocks at bottom by garages, off Horfield Common, stop traffic – grass around it, poor visibility. Resident suggests clearing grass away.
12	Parking on the pavement – blocking pavement (private Rd owned by Persimmon). Taxi business. Resident suggests yellow lines or bollards.
13	Ashley Down Convenience Store (Mr Ali), Ashley Down Rd, Deliveries blocking road and pavement and cars parking on pavement. Resident suggests policing and painting some space on land so people will not overhand pavement.
14	Littering by students from the city of Bristol College on Arthur Milton St. Resident suggests more bins and educating of students.
15	Students kicking football against resident's wall by subcontractor car park Wed lunchtime. Causes of nuisance for resident at Arthur Milton St
16	Elton Road: Resident has requested the street be changed to one way.
17	Elton Road: Resident has requested trees to be planted in the street.
18	Elton Road: Cars parking on curb right by BT phone box prevents people passing with wheelchairs and pushchairs.
19	Cheltenham Road/Zetland Road Junction: the feeder cycle lane (between the 2 lanes of traffic) approaching this junction from the Arches has been reduced to 0.7m wide following resurfacing works – less than half the minimum width required.
20	Overhanging bushes on Salthrop Road coupled with cars parking on pavement makes it impossible to walk on the pavement.
21	Parking on Friary Road footpath. Resident suggests 'public footpath' notice needed at entrance to Friary Road to remind people it is a footpath and 'no parking' stickers put onto the posts in the meantime.
22	Grassed bank adjacent to Friary Road footpath urgently needs to be tidied with a mower/strimmer.
23	Large blue trade bin belonging to Ashley pharmacy keeps being put near corner and on pavement. (Seymour Road). A long standing issue.
24	Litter from City Of Bristol students in her road (Arthur Milton Street)
25	Access to Bishop Rd school playing fields needed for local residents because of no other green space in reach. Bishop Rd primary school.
26	Ground level leaf growth almost blocking pavement on Brookfield Ave
27	Cycling on the pavement - Gloucester Rd /Ashley Down
28	Parking on the pavements - Seymour Rd and other roads across the Ward

29	Cycling on the pavement - Gloucester Rd / Ashley Down Rd.
30	Burglaries - Bishopston Ward
31	Blight/ rubbish in front gardens etc 186 Ashley Down Rd
32	Maintenance of Muller Open Space especially dog poo and litter
33	Request to have a student programme in place, prior to their return
34	Speedwatch enquiry / confusion re the new process
35	Lack of maintenance, ASB, new notice' Dirac residents only'. Open Space between houses on Dirac and Lilstock Roads.
36	Mini cabs illegally waiting/parked on yellow lines outside their HQs at Arches/Stokes Croft causing cyclists to pull out into traffic. This presents a danger for cyclists and goes against Bristol's 'cycling city' status.
37	Request for information on setting up a Neighbourhood Watch.

Redland Forum

Wednesday 9th May 2012

Chair: Nick Clark

Attendance: 35

Residents: 27

Councillors: Cllr Fi Hance, Cllr Sylvia Townsend

Neighbourhood Police Team: Sergeant Sean Underwood; PC Alex Owen; PCSO Nadine Horton

Officers: Andrew McGrath, Area Co-ordinator; Stuart Patterson, Community Confidence Manager, Safer Bristol; Stephen McNamara, Head of Legal Services.

Date of Next Forum: 5th December, Cairns Road.

Stephen McNamara, Head of Legal Services for Bristol City Council attended to discuss the upcoming mayoral election in Bristol. The powers of the mayor, the election process and a description on the differences between now and how the council will be run were discussed. The meeting then broke in to topic tables at which residents were able to discuss specific issues relating to Parks, Highways, Policing, Street Scene. These were fed back to the meeting as issues for officers to take away and resolve.

Issues raised at or prior to the Forum are listed below

No	Issue
1	Cars parking on pavements on Raglan Rd, Tyne Rd and surrounding roads.
2	Flat conversion on Pine Grove Place – no planning permission and issues with sound proofing, cars, loss of privacy.
3	Black bins left out on pavement, on Raglan Rd, for 2 weeks. Resident phoned helpline but not resolved. Resident took them in.

4	A boards continuing to be an obstruction for pedestrians on Gloucester Rd, particularly narrow section from Parade (The Prom, Tart) going towards Berkeley Rd. The Florist has A boards on both sides of the road.
5	Cars continuing to park on pavement all along Lindon Rd particularly between traffic lights and Cranbrook Rd.
6	Parking on both sides of Durdham Park from commuters and Torwood House school parents prevents emergency services from getting through to Carfax Court (elderley persons' residential accommodation). Plans to turn Clay pit Road into one way will push more traffic onto Durdham Park.
7	Turning into Durdham Park from Westbury Park by car is difficult because of parked cars on the corner.
8	Parking restrictions on dropped kerbs installed in Redland with Section 106 money from Redland Green School: These dropped kerbs are in a 'special enforcement area' resulting in traffic wardens frequently issuing penalty notices for parking on them. What steps were taken to inform drivers that this is a special enforcement area? Also, can penalty notices be justified when given outside of school times as the purpose of the dropped kerbs was to achieve a 'Safe Route to School'?
9	Redland Green: grass has not been cut for 18 months on slope above retaining wall to Redland Road. This area was agreed to be left as hay-cut in Spring last year 2011. It has not been cut since then i.e. no cut last Autumn. There are daffodil bulbs in the area so the grass needs to be cut in early autumn before the daffodils starts to grow through. Please can you confirm when this will be done?
10	Redland Green: The triangle of grass between paths and steps at Cossins road entrance has not been maintained since the steps were completed. An access point has been made by removing a section of the rail but the contractors have not maintained this area this year. A number of self set shrubs have colonised the space as well as weeds. People cannot clear up after their dogs because of the undergrowth so it is becoming very unpleasant here.
11	Redland Green: Cycle/pedestrian signs have been defaced. Pedestrian symbol has been painted over – can this be cleaned off please?
12	Redland Green: Potholes on access road to farm and allotments. Is this access road going to be renovated? At one stage, we understood that money had been found to resurface this road, and that the Farm residents were going to make a contribution towards this.
13	Redland Green: Poor maintenance work on tree branch – larger pieces were removed but smaller bits left in place – residents eventually cleared it up themselves.
14	Redland Green: grass not mowed until it is very long, then cuttings left on top of grass and on path. Looks very unsightly – is this what the contract allows? Has been ongoing issue this year.
15	Redland Green: The path across the grass triangle in front of the church, from the Woodstock Road to the church gates, has been allowed to get

	narrower and narrower and is in a very poor condition. Is there any money to deal with this? Under the contract shouldn't the grass be kept back from encroaching onto the tarmac area. Can this be looked at?
16	Redland Green: ground is very waterlogged.
17	Overgrown vegetation – location not given.
18	Overflowing waste bins and rubbish at bottom of Zetland Rd.
19	Trade bins, BCC waste bins and black bags on pavements. Various locations.
20	Fly tipping, No 38, Meropolis security.
21	Bristol City Council bin with no lid by public toilets.
22	Broken pavement at base of tree by Daily Meal.
23	A boards causing an obstruction by 'Tarts' café.
24	Graffiti on side wall of Peacocks.
25	Cars driving too fast. 20mph needed on Logan Rd, Cranbrook Rd and Kings Drive.
26	Ambiguity of status of yellow lines outside Redland Green Church.
27	50 Redland Green Road. This house is derelict and backs onto Redland Green School. Problem with litter.
28	Obstructions to residents' driveways on Egerton Road, Bishopston.
29	Fire damage to bus stop seat on Westbury Rd, at the back of Carfax Court.

Cotham Forum

Tuesday 11th September 2012

Chair: Cllr Anthony Negus and Neil Harrison

Attendance:

Residents: 35

Councillors: Anthony Negus, Neil Harrison

Neighbourhood Police team:

Officers:

Farhan Ahmed Neighbourhood Development Officer

Andrew McGrath Area co-ordinator

Steve Riley Project Manager GBBN

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 6th December 2012. Tyndale Baptist Church, Whiteladies Road

Issues discussed at the meeting:

- Licenced premises. Neil informed the meeting that a number of licence applications have recently been refused, as per the Cumulative Impact Area status of Whiteladies road
- Costa Coffee received its planning consent. Costs attached to the appeal by Costa do not apply to the Whiteladies Road branch

- There is a limit to the number of tables and chairs premises can have outside their premises. The amount of space taken up is the main factor regarding
- Police are looking at licencing issues on Cotham Hill. Also moving the street drinkers on
- Crime is significantly down on last year in the ward
- General concerns were expressed about Cotham Gardens. Cannabis smoking, poor lighting
- A Friends of Cotham Gardens Mailing list is being drawn up, to enable residents to be kept informed of developments
- In 6 months time it is hoped to have a police office on, or near, the Whiteladies Road
- Experimenting with communal bins on Chandos Road. Could it work elsewhere?
- **Discussion on Whiteladies Road.** Hamish described the plan for a retail officer. Idea is to have a more diverse shopping area.
- There is the issue that many of the properties are for the night economy
- Transport to the shops for people who live a distance away is difficult as there aren't many direct buses. Car parking is also expensive.
- Cyclists are concerned about road safety at the new pinch points on WL Road. The idea is to change the behaviour of cyclists and make them more assertive on the road, so that they feel comfortable not moving over to let vehicles squeeze by.
- Most people agree that the WL Road now looks really good.
- Steve Riley agreed to look at the issue of displacement due to the new parking restrictions
- A consultation on a possible parking permit scheme north of railway line will begin after December, with potential implementation by end of 2013
- There followed a discussion on the rights of students to have parking permits. It was pointed out that they are residents too
- Issue of improper cycling is partly an educational challenge. Promotion on safe cycling takes place in the schools
- As soon as Parking Services give the okay, all signs on WL Road are enforceable. **Afternote:** Now in place

Issues raised at the forum for officers to take away and try to resolve are below

1	Cars parking in designated cycle lanes. This is a problem on Cheltenham Road and Gloucester Road
2	Can residents be encouraged to take their bins in once empty? This is a particular need with student houses. Where people are asked to, it tends to work
3	Cotham Road. The pavement is in a poor state of repair. Can it be checked and repaired please
4	Student HMOs tend to respond well when directly approached about problems.

	Can a programme of door knocking be undertaken
5	There is a litter problem near Cotham School and Cotham Gardens. This isn't only the pupils but they contribute. Can school be approached?
6	Several examples of cyclists on pavements. Whiteladies road, Cotham Hill and elsewhere in the ward
7	New sign on Apsley Road is new, appeared without warning and is at the wrong height
8	Sign saying no left or right turn on WL Road at Tyndale Road is not clear for drivers
9	Trees on WL Road get hit by buses. Can something be done?
10	Chandos Road has severe parking problems. Please can it be inspected more often?

2. Devolved budget updates

Clean and Green

The Neighbourhood Partnership has an allocation of **£1,500** per annum under this budget. At the last NP meeting in June, the NP agreed to allocate **£750** from this allocation for paint and sundries for 2 street and park projects. Additional requests were made for Community Payback sessions, which come from a separate fund. Remaining Clean and Green allocation for 2012/13 is **£750**.

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 4 allocations that can be made by this NP. The 2 Parks allocations earmarked for improvements to parks and open spaces (**£8,683.19 & £19,384.49**), are subject to possible allocation to match-fund this NP's selected Parks Capital Stimulus Fund projects (please see relevant agenda item). Of the 4 Parks projects identified for funding in BCR, 3 require match-funding. It is assumed that the bulk of this match-funding will be requested from these 2 S106 allocations.

If the Committee allocates the recommended amounts of S106 to the Parks Capital Stimulus projects, a residual **£3,260.19** remains from the 06/02256 Gloucester Rd development. The money needs to be spent by 31st January 2013. The Committee is asked to consider and **agree** green space improvements that might be made with this amount and allocate the money accordingly. All three parks identified to benefit from the Parks Capital Stimulus Fund lie within the required one mile of the 2 developments that generated the relevant S106 allocations.

The provision of **£4,599.36** is for tree replacement in the vicinity of the new office block development at the top of Redland Hill. The NP may wish to liaise with the BCC Tree Officer on this matter.

The allocation of **£64,125.04** had previously been allocated to provide improvements to community facilities within the (previous) Sefton Park Youth Centre. As this youth centre no longer exists, a deed of variation was agreed with the developers, Persimmon, to allow the money to be spent on improvements to community facilities in the vicinity. Consequently, at the extraordinary Neighbourhood Committee held on 3rd September 2012, the funding was re-allocated to support the rebuilding of the scout hut on the adjacent Williamson Road site.

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 August 2012				
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)	£4,599.36	28 Sep 16	The provision off-site replacement tree planting in the vicinity of the development
10/00101 / 148 to 156 Gloucester Road, Bishopston / ZCD...A37	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£19,384.49	11 Jan 17	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 148 to 156 Gloucester Road
Other				
00/02850 / City of Bristol College Site, Ashley Down Road, Ashley Down / ZCD...944	John Bos (Community Buildings Officer)	£64,125.04	19 Jul 15	The provision of improvements to community facilities in the vicinity of the City of Bristol College Site

3. Highways projects updates

Location	Ward	Details	Allocated budget	Current cost	Consultation status	TRO status	Comments
Redland Court Road	Redland	Parking restrictions at junction	2,757.13	1436.00	Completed	Completed	Budget carried forward from 2011/12. Start on site October 2012. One week's work
Coldharbour Road area	Redland	Parking restriction review and implementation	4,337.48	375.00	Completed	With Statutory Order Team	Budget carried forward from 2011/12
Elgin Park / Lower Redland Road	Cotham	Junction improvement	8,334.73		Other (see notes)		Budget Carried forward from 2011/12. Design on hold subject to development of St John's Primary School. Planning consent given included funding of highway works. NP to consider reallocating remaining budget,
Archfield Road jw Cotham Grove	Cotham	Feasibility study (possible junction improvement)	3,000.00		Other (see notes)	n/a	Budget carried forward from 2011/12. No Progress
Gloucester Rd jw Longmead Ave	Bishopston	Feasibility study (relocation of zebra crossing)	2,581.97		Design (internal)		Carried forward to 2012/13. Is this being double allocated? £3k has been allocated in 2012/13 as well.
Area wide	All	Minor lines and signs	£2,250.00	420.71	n/a	n/a	
Gloucester Road (between Hatherley Road and Clevedon Road)(Location #6)	Bishopston	Limited parking for shoppers	£6,000.00	590.15	Design (internal)		
Bishop Road(Location #5)	Bishopston	Parking outside school	£2,500.00		Design (internal)		
Friary Road	Bishopston	Parking outside school St Bonaventure's Roman Catholic Primary School	£2,500.00		Design (internal)		
TOTALS =			34,261.31	2,821.86			

Footway Maintenance		
Location	Allocated budget	Comments
Kellaway Avenue (Cairns Road to Bishop Road)	£11,000	
Cotham Brow	£27,000	Complete
Coldharbour Rd (Greendale Rd to Cossins Rd)	£10,000	Order placed.
Lansdown Rd	£14,000	Order placed.
Total	£62,000	

Carriageway Surface Dressing				
Location	Allocated budget	Final cost	Variance	Comments
Cotham Lawn Road	£4,500		£4,500.00	Complete
Dugar Walk	£700		£700.00	Complete
Bishop Road	£3,900		£3,900.00	Postponed due to utility works.
Cairns Road	£2,500		£2,500.00	Complete
Harcourt Hill	£1,200		£1,200.00	Complete
South Road	£3,300			Complete
Totals	£16,100	£12,800.00	£3,300.00	

Local Sustainable Highways Grants

You will recall that this NP, along with all other NPs, submitted applications for projects to this fund at the end of July. The NP submitted 8 applications. The successful projects have now been announced. We have been successful with 2 projects:

- Junction alterations to North Road and Cromwell Road (Redland)
- Crossing on Coldharbour Road ((straddling Redland and Henleaze wards)

There is also a possibility of a 3rd project, which is on the reserve list:

- A crossing point on Redland Green

Clarity is currently being sought regarding what being on the reserve list actually means.

4. Well Being Update

The Area Coordinator wishes to correct the minutes and apologise for providing the last NP with the wrong total of Well Being funds carried over to the current year. In the Annual Business Report submitted to the NP in June, it was stated that the amount carried forward, plus the £30k budget for 2012/13, totalled **£36,017.51**. The actual total figure carried forward should have been **£41, 463.51**.

This occurred because the original amount awarded to 2 projects (£5,000 for Tree Planting 2008/9, £3,664 Glos Rd Task Group) was wrongly stated as the carried forward amounts, rather than the unspent amounts of £1,180 and £2,038 respectively from the original allocations. This means that the NP had a larger carried forward amount to the current year.

The NP is asked to note that under-spends may not be allowed to carry forward next year, making it important that all the Well Being funds are spent or allocated. The Well Being Panel has received some suggestions for projects, which are outlined in Jenny's report.

The NP is also requested to note that there are a number of allocations from the NP that have been carried forward in to the following year at least once. The NP is requested to note these allocations and, where appropriate, agree to either spend the money on the originally agreed purposes, or to discuss re-allocating the monies. The allocations (with notes) in question are as follows:

PROJECT	NOTES	AMOUNT
Pavement Planting pots	Allocated in 2009/10 but not yet spent. Carried forward three times	2,000.00
RCAS Fruit trees	£500 Allocated 2010/11. £80 spent 2010/11. A further £30 spent this financial year	420.00
Tree Growing	£5,000 allocated 2008/9. To date <u>£3,820</u> has been spent, (Tree Bristol - Internal transfer 2011/12). This leaves <u>£1,180</u> allocated but not spent,	1,180.00
Whiteladies Road Retail project	Allocated 25 January 2011. Carried forward. £5k match funding secured from CCCE NP. Please note that there is now progress on this project.	10,000.00
APE Partnership	Allocated 2 nd February 2012. An application for a project is expected in 2012/13	5,000.00

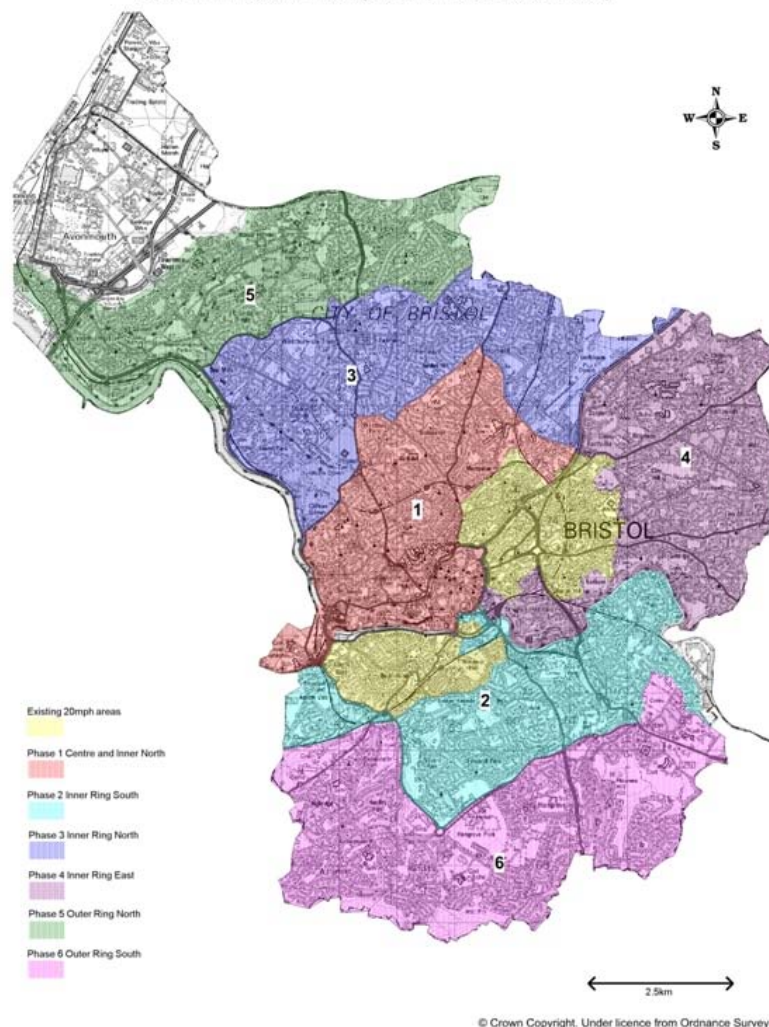
5. 20 MPH consultation

As NP members will be aware, this NP has been at the forefront of efforts to provide residents with the opportunity to recommend and influence the possible introduction of 20mph roads in the NP area. As a result of its efforts, the NP has been included in the first area of the city to be consulted on this scheme. Please see the map below.




A series of consultation opportunities were provided to residents in this area during September. It is understood that a significant number of residents have attended the consultation sessions and/or submitted their views via the web page provided for consultation on this subject (there is still time to submit views. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJM5XXG>). Unfortunately, the NP wasn't able to promote the consultation sessions, and as a result was very concerned that residents weren't being provided with an adequate opportunity to comment. As a result of these concerns, the consultation has been extended to enable residents to attend the December Neighbourhood Forums and question Highways officers and submit their views. The dates and venues of the next forums are listed in the table below.

BCC Highways officers will attend the next NP meeting in January and will provide a report setting out the results of the consultation and how the decisions will be made regarding which roads will or won't have 20 MPH speed limits introduced.

Appendix 1 -Proposed Phasing of 20mph rollout across the city



6. Meeting Schedule

	Meeting round 2 2012/13	Meeting round 3 2012/13	Meeting round 4 21012/13
Neighbourhood Partnership / Committee	7.00pm Monday 22 nd October Charnwood	7.00pm Monday 21 st January Redland Green School	7.00pm Monday 25 th March Venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Pre meeting	4.00pm Monday 15 th October Brunel House	4.00pm Monday 14 th January Brunel House	4.00pm Monday 18 th March Venue tbc
Informal Neighbourhood Partnership meeting	5.0pm Tuesday 24 th July venue tbc	6.30pm Tuesday 20 th November Council House	tbc
			
Bishopston Forum	7.00pm Wednesday 5 th September Brunel Fields School	7.00pm Tuesday 11 th December Memorial Ground	7.00pm Tuesday 12 th February Ashley Down Primary School
Cotham Forum	7.00pm Tuesday 11 th September Redland Library	7.00pm Thursday 6 th December Tyndale's BC (provisional)	7.00pm Thursday 14 th February Venue tbc
Redland Forum	7.00pm Thursday 6 th September Redland Green Bowls Club	7.00pm Wednesday 5 th December Cairns Road BC (provisional)	7.00pm Thursday 21 st February Redland Green Bowling Club
Well Being Panel	9.15am Thursday 28 th June	9.15am Thursday 1 st November Venue tbc	9.15am Thursday 13 th December Venue tbc
	9.15am Thursday 27 th September		
Communication and Engagement Task Group	5.00pm Tuesday 29 th May Venue tbc	tbc	tbc
Parks Group	tbc		
Gloucester Road Task Group	8.30am Tuesday 2 nd October Brunel		
Highways Task Group (inc Tree Group?)	8.30am Friday 5 th October		