

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Downs Committee – Monday 21st November

Communication from Cllr Glenise Morgan

The Chairman of the Transport Working Group of our Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Partnership, Mr Alan Aburrow, asked that the subject of parking problems on the Downs be raised at the next meeting of the Downs Committee. I was approached as being a member of both the NP, Councillor for Henleaze, and the Downs Committee. I have copied Cllr. Goulandris into this email as he is also a member of the Partnership, representing Stoke Bishop. An extract from Mr Aburrow's email is below.

"Could you please progress the NP3 Transport Working Group's observations and proposals, from our last 2 NP Meetings, to the next Meeting of the Downs Committee. Below are extracts from the Transport Working Group Reports to the last 2 NP Meetings:

NP Meeting, 22 June 2011

Parking problems on the Downs, in particular Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road are a perennial problem but were not included for rectification in this year's budget allocation. It has been suggested that, as The Downs are designated one of Bristol's Destination Parks, perhaps the Downs Committee should be approached to fund the requisite parking restrictions, in order to alleviate the problems arising from car-driving visitors.

Recommendation 2: Call on the Downs Committee to provide funding for parking restrictions on the Downs in order to relieve parking congestion within this Destination Park, specifically in the areas of Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road.

NP Meeting, 21 September 2011

Parking problems on the Downs, in particular Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road are a perennial problem but rectification proposals were not prioritised for inclusion in this year's devolved budget allocation. At the last NP it was agreed that the Downs Committee should be approached to fund parking restrictions, in order to relieve parking congestion within this Destination Park. Feedback on this proposal is awaited.

Please bring these matters to the attention of the Downs Committee, either as an adjunct to a specific Agenda item, or under AOB."

I believe that as highways are the responsibility of the BCC, the funding for parking restrictions is not necessarily something that the Downs Committee can impose, even if it wished to, and despite it being designated a Destination Park, but perhaps this could be clarified for the NP.

As the Friends of the Downs are now carrying out a project on "The Downs and the Motor Vehicle" and the Downs Committee approved this being included in its Management Plans, I have put Mr Aburrow and Mr Penrose in touch with each other.