



AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Henbury, Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership Tuesday 22nd September 2015

Report of: Keith Houghton, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.

Title: Henbury & Southmead NP Plan Update Report

Contact Telephone Number: 0117 922 2135

Recommendations

- 1. The NP to consider the **DRAFT NP Delivery Plan Schedule September 2015 March 2016 at Appendix 1**, make amendments and comments and **approve the Schedule as its delivery plan up to the March 2016 NP meeting**
- 2. The NP to note the updates(in bold), completed actions and proposed actions, linked to the Delivery Plan in Item 1
- 3. The NP notes the date and times for the Mayoral Visit to our NP and considers/amends the recommended actions to design and deliver an effective visit (Item 2)
- 4. The NP notes the upcoming 2nd Citywide Neighbourhood Partnership Event on 24th October, considers and positively supports the event, responding to the requests in **Item 3**
- 5. The NP considers the invitation to influence delivery of Grounds maintenance in our NP area and the Recommendation set out in **Item 4**
- 6. The NP notes the consultation schedule for the pre-planning work for the Bristol Arena and the opportunities to influence set out in Item 5, in particular whether the NP wants to send representatives to the any of the events.

1. NP Plan Updates

(See Draft NP Plan Delivery Schedule at Appendix 1)

1. Theme: Active Citizenship, Equalities and Community Cohesion

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update			
1.1 Priority 1 : Support local residents to set up more local events and activities which bring residents together					
a. Have NP stall to deliver consultation at key community events: Southmead Festival & H&BCC Fun Day		NPC (Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator) and NO (Neighbourhood Officer) Delivered-@20 new residents engaged as potential volunteers/interested; hundreds of Be Proud stickers distributed; H&B parks development input			
Set as Priority for NP Wellbeing Fund 2015/16 – advertise Wellbeing Fund widely		Wellbeing Priorities advertised and round 2 recommendations in NP papers – propose poster campaign to raise awareness of the fund			
1.2 Develop a Communication plan and deliver improved communication between service providers and the community,					
a. Work with Southmead Community Plan and Henbury/Brentry to bring together key community groups/residents to develop a Communication Plan which links NP communication with existing networks and identifies clear improvements and actions incorporate into NP Plan		NPC will develop this work over July to November to bring to December 2015 NP. See re-scheduled deliver in Draft Delivery Schedule (Appendix 1) – proposed activities to feed into Feb/March 2016 proposal to NP in March			
1.3 Support the development of a Community Plan in Henbury/Brentry					
a. Support H&BCC to set up meeting to shape application for First Steps support from Community Development Foundation to follow on from Community First programme in		Meetings happened and application submitted successfully. H&BCC now accepted on the national First Steps programme. Now taking forward actions in their plan to develop a survey as part of research to go into a Community			

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update		
Henbury/Brenty.		Plan Update on NP Agenda		
b. negotiate what support the NP offers with H&BCC to report back to NP for approval at July NP and deliver agreed work programme		Specifics of NP team support still to be defined with H&BCC Community Plan Steering Group. Will bring to September NP. Included in Delivery Schedule – focus support on Comm. Plan conference – design and input from external agencies and how fit into design of first draft of Plan		
1.4 Support residents to influence decisions and service provision through the NP, in particular to increase the engagement of minority or more marginalised communities				
1.5 Review membership structure of the NP is are well represented	n light of ne	ew boundaries to ensure residents and community groups		
a. Set NP Governance meeting to consider NP membership recommendations and Sub-Group structures to take to December NP at latest		NPC proposes to hold Governance development meetings between July – October 2015 to develop: NP Terms of Reference; NP membership and Equalities work action plan; Also recommend refining delivery programme for NP Plan See Governance work in Delivery Schedule – following City-wide Conference.		
1.6 Develop an Equalities Action Plan as part of the NP Plan – to be agreed at the June NP 2015 (include Community Cohesion)				
a. Hold NP Equalities learning event April 2015 to produce Equalities Vision and activities plan to bring to NP AGM meeting for approval and inclusion into NP Plan		Training held 11 th May. Ideas for future work attached at Appendix 1. Development of Equalities Champions within the Partnership proposed. Follow up work timing proposed in Delivery Schedule		

2. Theme: Community buildings and facilities

Description of works	Est cost	Update	
2.1 Bring together Bristol City Council, community groups and residents to explore options on how meet the need for improved community space in Henbury/Brentry – link to BCC Library review			
a. a. Hold an exploratory event with all key partners to look at the demand and opportunities to improve community space provision in Henbury/Brentry		NPC proposes meeting in September 2015 Meeting now re-scheduled to follow Citywide NP Conference 24 th October & H&B Comm Plan Conference	
2.3 Support funding bids to bring in funds to improve Community Facilities in Southmead & Henbury/Brentry			
a. influencing BCC to support through financial investment from sale of land and co-location of services to support sustainability of buildings		NPC is developing summary of City-wide issues from all NP Plans which focus on requests for BCC support to use BCC assets to support community aspirations. Will be used to influence Senior Leadership Team within BCC. Henbury/Brentry & Southmead aspirations will be included Summary completed and will be responded to at the NP Citywide Conference	
2.4 Support local residents to understand and use powers available to them such as Community Asset Transfer; Community Right to Buy			
a. Share information about powers available to communities at all Forumsb. hold an 'Assets of Community Value' listing event in		NPC proposes that this worked is planned alongside BS10 Parks & Planning Group to take place in Autumn 2015 See Delivery Schedule	
each ward to identify key sites to support Community Right to Bid			

3. Themes: Families, younger & older people.

Description of works	Est cost	Update	
3.1 Increase activities and events for young people			
c. influence the development and delivery of LPW services and other young people's activities		NPC proposes to set up meeting with Learning Partnership West – Sept/October 2015 See Delivery Schedule	
3.2 Support activities which reduce isolation and increas	e social	activities for older people	
c. explore potential to grow the RSVP volunteer programme in H/B & S to support older people		NPC proposes to explore with Bristol Ageing Better and report back to September NP See re-scheduled suggested work with BAB	
3.3 Support activities which provide social and recreation	nal even	ts for families	
b. support development of FAST and FAST Friends programmes in all NP primary schools		NPC proposes to explore with schools from September – beginning in Southmead, then Henbury/Brentry included in Delivery Schedule	
c. Explore delivery of Playing Out/street events in Henbury/Brentry/Southmead		Playing Out programme featured at Southmead Forum 18 th June. Proposed to move to 2016 delivery for Spring Summer	
3.5 Support activities which provide social and recreational events for families: increase support for parents with disabled children			
a. establish existing levels of support and how they work and gaps		Group has researched venues and submitted Wellbeing application to deliver support	
b. develop work to meet identified needs which has greatest impact and influence changes to existing provision and support development of any additional support		programme (in Business Report). Comm. Dev. available to support group development	
3.6 Increase the influence of young people on NP activities and show how they have influenced the final product			
a. influence development of Youth Forum within H/B & S and link with Mayor's Youth reps to agree way of increasing		NPC proposes to develop this work – preferably with several NP members – from September 2015 Rescheduled to December/January 2016 in Delivery	

Description of works	Est cost	Update
yp influence on neighbourhood development		Schedule

4. Environment: Streetscene; Parks & Open Spaces; Green Capital

Description of works	Est cost	Update			
Streetscene:					
4.1 Launch the 'Be Proud of BS10' 'litter/dog mess reduand agencies and track impact and what works	uction cam	paign' with the local residents			
a. Design Launch of the Be Proud of BS10 campaign - Engage schools, residents and local groups through Green Capital Arts project to support action on improved streets	sum Fun Ope Don	Proud of BS10 campaign has been launched over mer. Southmead Festival and Henbury/Brentry Day. Event programme activities at Crow Lane n Space; Machin Road (x 2); Twenty Acres; caster Road Park; Trymside Open Space (2); ystoke Avenue;			
	volu Trus	r 300 residents engaged; 20 potential resident nteers engaged with; Young Bristol; Avon River et; Paper Art agencies engaged; 278 ers/leaflets distributed.			
		e some noise about litter Green Capital Arts gramme being delivered.			
	revie	al launch phase of Be Proud of BS10 will be ewed and future work planned See Delivery edule			
4.4 Support work of SEARCH & SEA groups to improve streetscene and environment through walkabouts and					

Description of works	Est cost	Update
campaigns		
a. support residents to deliver streetscene and environment improvements across the NP area		Paul Griffiths, the NO, has continued to work with both groups over the last 3 months
Parks & Open Spaces:		
4. 1 Develop Parks/Open spaces priorities across Henbu priorities: identify priority locations for spend of existing	•	
a. Set Parks Priorities Review meeting to identify aspirations for Henbury/Brentry parks/open spaces: -		Key priority action for NPC and NO in next period. Aim to produce report for December 2015 NP.
- identify use of current and likely NP S106/CIL funding - make recommendations to July 2015 NP meeting		September NP is too close to the summer holidays to deliver See Delivery Schedule
Green Capital	<u> </u>	
4.1 NP holds a 'Learning from Green Capital good practi area and how effective practice can be taken forward for		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
a. set up a 'Green Capital Learning' event towards end of Green Capital year/early 2016; explore if other North NPs want to do jointly to take forward effective practice into NP plans		Still being explored with Neighbourhood Management Team – talking to Green Capital team. NPC proposes inviting all the Green Capital Projects funded by NP to present to September & December NPs Won't be all – inviting key ones – included in September NP agenda

5. Traffic and transport – Keep Bristol Moving: Improve Problem Parking; Influencing how new Sth Glos neighbourhoods impact on our NP area; supporting residents to influence Public Transport services; Deliver better Highways infrastructure

Description of works	Est cost	Update		
Improve Problem Parking:				
5.2 Deliver improvements to Parking problems arising from	m South	nmead Hospital developments		
a. Focus on improvements to Parking problems arising from Southmead Hospital developments: regular enforcement; communication with residents and improvement with Southmead Hospital		Southmead Hospital Travel Working Group has continued meeting. Consultation programme on measure to mitigate impacts on Southmead streets is being designed. Delivery dates to be confirmed.		
Influencing how new Sth Glos neighbourhoods impact of	n our NP	area		
5.1 Deliver routes through which local residents/business highways/transport schemes arising from the South Glouboundary				
a. agree a schedule of key decisions/dates which shape highways design with City Transport and programme of events to inform/enable influencing by NP residents		NPC proposes to deliver over summer to bring proposal for public meeting to September NP. See Delivery Plan – October 2015 for this work		
b. Design and deliver events programme alongside BS10 Group and track impact on schemes delivered and resident satisfaction				
Supporting residents to influence Public Transport service	ces			
5.1 Keep community informed and enable them to influence the introduction of a Henbury Loop rail service				
		Update invited to NP meeting;		
a. Design and deliver events programme alongside BS10 Group & Traffic/Transport group and track impact		NPC proposes to deliver over summer to bring proposal for public meeting to September NP		
		Update on NP Agenda: West of England Joint Transport Board made a decision that the Business Case for a Henbury Loop didn't meet the Dept. of Transport criteria for funding and		

Description of works	Est cost	Update
		that a Spur should be pursued now, with a further option to extend to a Loop in the future. An Extraordinary meeting of BCC Council was held on 27th August. Resolved: Full Council objects to the Joint Transport Board decision on Metrowest phase 2 preliminary business case, and that it be referred back to the Board, together with the views of the Full Council
5.2 Create opportunities for the community to influence to employment, leisure and community services (bus, cycle		•
a. Work with Henbury & Brentry Community Council to negotiate with Aldi potential continued funding support to the Aldi Community Transport service for older people		Summer/Autumn 2015 – NPC to discuss with H&BCC and follow up agreed actions and report back See Delivery Plan – propose delivery from October 2015
5.3 Provide opportunities for residents to influence servi service; 76 and others which arise	ce impro	ovements on public transport: o 508; o 520/18
a. Invite First Bus & BCC Passenger Transport to relevant Neighbourhood Forums to influence and link into BCC service review		Successful campaign delivered via Southmead Neighbourhood Forum to influence First Bus to replace the deleted no. 20 service connecting Westbury Village through Greystoke Avenue.
		No. 77 service will begin in September running from Westbury, along whole of Greystoke Avenue, down Pen Park to Southmead Hospital Service has started delivery from 24 th August 2015
Deliver better Highways infrastructure	1	1

5.1 Deliver agreed identified Local Traffic Scheme & S106 improvements:

Description of works	Est cost	Update
a. Delivery of Knole Lane Crossing (S106)		on track to deliver Sept 2015 Delivered
b. Delivery of two Doncaster Road Crossing schemes		Designs for two crossing being looked at internally in BCC. Will be brought to H&S Traffic/Transport Group. Then go out to public consultation. Consultation completed. See Consultation report at Appendix 2. Scheme scheduled to be delivered by May 2016
c. Agree and deliver the S106 Swanmoor/		Brentry consultation ends 26th July – concerns about
Brentry/Charlton junction improvement scheme		potential noise; preferring speed humps; Delivery – team will do all in one go – scheduled for Sept 2015 (subject to TRO) Delivery scheduled to complete by December 2015
d. Consider improvements to the Henbury Road/Crow Lane junction recommended in report		Refer to agenda for H&S Traffic/Transport Sub- Group for consideration Traffic/Transport Group in October in Delivery Plan
e. identify 2017 local traffic scheme for delivery f. deliver identified minor traffic works and signing and lining		Refer to agenda for H&S Traffic/Transport Sub- Group for consideration
work		Traffic/Transport Group in October in Delivery Plan
g. Pen Park/Charlton Road crossing improvements		being delivered now Delivered June 2015
h. influencing improvements of poor/unstable road surfaces: Doncaster Road, Southmead		Highways Maintenance will co-ordinate the 'crack and seat' treatment to Doncaster Road around the installation of the two crossings
5.2 Improve parking at Crow Lane Shops		
a. maximise parking improvements which 20mph scheme delivers at Crow Lane shops		now the 20mph limit has gone in 20mph Team will get the engineers to start the design work for Crow

Description of works	Est cost	Update
		Lane and other roads. So hopefully we will have something to look at by Oct and if approved via the QA process they hope to get these changes installed by Jan 16

6. Housing, Planning and major projects

Description of works	Est cost	Update		
6.1 Support the work of the BS10 Parks and Planning Grodialogue on new developments in the NP area	oup to er	ngage residents	and developers in constructive	
b. Develop a clear 'working protocol' setting out how the working relationship between the NP and the BS10 Group		NPC setting up meeting with BS10 Group to produce – to being to September NP See Delivery Plan		
6.3 Work with the Southmead Community Plan delivery to	eam to h	elp develop the	housing actions in the Plan	
a. work closely with the BS10 Group to help residents stay informed and influence the development of the Dunmail site in Southmead		Following the failure of marketing to attract sufficient bids in March 2015 the Design Brief has been redrafted to reduce some of the environmental standards.		
		The site was re-marketed from 22 nd June. The programme for selection of a developer is:		
		22 June 2015	Publish Invitation To Tender on PROACTIS	
		Noon 11 th September 2015	Closing date and time for receipt by the Council of Tender Submissions	
		14-25	Evaluation of submissions and	

Description of works	Est cost	Update		
		September 2015	clarification period	
		w/c 28 September 2015	Notification to bidders of proposed decision	

7. Health & Wellbeing

Description of works	Est cost	Update	
7.1 Support projects and activities which enable local people to improve their health and access support services effectively			
a. continue links with 'Long Live Southmead' Health Promotion work – annual update to NP		NPC proposes invitation to September NP to update Recommend to December 2015 NP meeting	
b. Set up a 'Health and Wellbeing' event in Henbury/Brentry to develop ways of improving support for residents in Henbury/Brentry around health and wellbeing		September update on Long Live Southmead can help shape planning for the Henbury/Brentry event in Spring/Summer 2016 See Delivery Plan	

8. Crime and Community Safety

Description of works	Est cost	Update	
8.2 Anti-Social Behaviour: To use Forums to identify Anti-Social Behaviour to task Police and agencies to address community concerns and report back			
a. report via Forums as issues arise			

9. June Neighbourhood Forums

Neighbourhood Forum	Update		
Southmead – Thurs 10 th September	Will be tabled at NP meeting		
Henbury/Brentry – Weds 16 th September	Will be tabled at NP meeting		
Reports from both Forums are posted at:			

10. NP Plan: short leaflet

Leaflet has been completed – copies available at NP meeting

- 2. Mayoral Visit to Henbury, Brentry & Southmead NP: Thursday 19th November 11.00am 3.00pm.
- 1. The next Mayoral visit to Henbury, Brentry and Southmead will be on: **Thursday 19th November 11.00am 3.00pm**.
- 2. The NP is asked to consider the following criteria to help shape the itinerary and topic focus for the visit:
 - Mayoral support to advance delivery of elements of the NP Plan
 - Mayoral support around current 'hot' issues in the NP area
 - Mayoral focus on particular successes within the NP area whether delivered by the NP or other groups
- 3. A small sub-group could meet to consider how to invite suggested topics for the visit and then put together a final itinerary and invitation list of groups/individuals to take part in the visit. They can also consider how they want any publicity to be managed.
- 4. Given that Mayoral visits generate public interest it is helpful if the visit can be constructed as transparently as possible. This is helpful in communicating in the wider NP area how the NP is working with the Mayor strategically. It also helps shape

the support the NP wants from the NP Co-ordinator and other Neighbourhood Management staff for the event.

Recommendation: That the NP considers and makes appropriate amendments to the above process and approves the adoption of a final Mayoral Visit process as its formal protocol to shape the delivery of future visits.

- 3. The 2nd Citywide Neighbourhood Partnership Event 24th October 2015 at the M Shed
- 1. A small working group has been meeting for the past 3 months to plan this exciting event. **Please put the date in your diaries.**

The event will be held at the MSHED, which offers a massive opportunity to market the work of the NPs across the city. These opportunities include

1. A space for an exhibition. The idea is to have a display of what NPs are and what they do. There would be some introductory posters followed by 14 glossy posters (1 for each NP) showcasing their local work and information re how people can become involved.

<u>The Ask</u> – Would all NPs agree to produce an A2 poster for the event (BCC Design will supply a template) to include 2,3 or 4 pictures and some simple eye catching text about what the NP is doing/proud of? Would anyone like to help with the Exhibition in other ways?

1. We have the opportunity for Radio coverage (Bristol Community Radio and UJIMA = Est 30,000 listeners), both in the run up to the event, and during the event. This would take the form of 14 breakfast show interviews (one per NP of about 15 mins), promotional jingles for a month- plus an hour of discussion at the event (again all 14 NPs will get exposure) content to be agreed and radio training to be provided.

<u>The Ask</u> – would all NPs be willing to take part in the breakfast show interviews, training and radio discussion on the day. If so please let me have names asap.

Other requests

- 1. We have looked at the feedback from the last City Wide NP Event and the following workshops are being recommended
 - Communication Strategies: to be hosted by BCC Comms
 - Street Scene (ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION) Liz Kew is leading on this piece, is there anyone else wanting to take part?
 - Community Plans: potential case studies from eg, Lawrence Weston/Southmead/Avonmouth and Henbury/Brentry
 - NP Plans: a more detailed look at some of the 6 common priorities across the City
 - NP Boundaries: there is a need to realign the NP boundaries to fit into the new Ward boundaries
 - Housing, planning and affordable homes: Pete Bulla has agreed to scope out this one; would anyone else like to help him?
 - Transport: The Walking Strategy
 - **Transport:** Bus Routes if we are going to discuss this I need volunteers to help work up the ask before I approach First and Staff in Transport
 - Green capital: Julian is helping us work this up

<u>The Ask</u> - If you would like to help the formation of what one or more of these workshops cover, or be part of the delivery please let me know. Is there any other topic that you think should be included?

2. Chairing the Event. – Last year Mark Pepper, the NP member for Avonmouth and Kingsweston did a fantastic job of Chairing the Event.

<u>The Ask</u> – Please nominate a NP Member to Chair the October Event – (this could be a shared task if more than one person is identified and agrees)

If anyone would like to have more input into the planning of the event please come and join the working group Dates when the Citywide Event Working Group meet are

2nd September 6.30 – 8pm 23rd September 6.30 – 8pm 14th October 6.30 – 8pm (if necessary) 21st October 6.30 – 8pm

The event will be held on the 24th October 9.30 – 4pm

Will be sending out invitations to the event via Eventbrite towards the end of August.

Many thanks on behalf of the working group

4. Influencing Parks Grounds Maintenance Contract

- 1. The NP may recall that our Partnership did some preliminary work on this last year, but that Parks were not ready to take it forward because they had to focus on taking all the services on in-house.
- 2. The Parks Department are now in a position to go forward with this opportunity to residents and the NP to influence their service delivery:

Neighbourhood Partnerships can choose:

- a. Whether they want to take part in this conversation/shaping piece of work
- b. Whether they want to do this through a one off task and finish group, a subgroup, or at the NP meetings. It is worth noting that the regime is quite detailed so the NP might want to nominate interested members to work with officers on this piece of work.
- c. Whether they delegate decisions to the subgroup/task and finish group, or whether they want to ratify the recommendations at a Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

We would like NPs to confirm to us through their coordinator whether they want to take part in this shaping and how they would like to do so. This is so that we can ensure that we have the documents and staff available to support this across all of the neighbourhoods taking part.

Recommendation: That the NP considers if it wants to take up this piece of work again – this could be delivered

through a sub-group of NP members and residents invited from among the wider NP contact list.

5. Bristol Arena Consultation Information

- A four week programme of public consultation on plans for the new Bristol Arena will run from **16 September to 13 October**.
- The Bristol Arena will be a 12,000 capacity venue hosting over 100 events a year. These events will be a mixture of music, comedy, family entertainment and sports and the proposed arena can seamlessly convert into a smaller, more intimate 5000 seat venue. The Arena development includes proposals for improved transport links into the area, including new pedestrian and cycle routes. The area surrounding the Arena will be transformed over time into a vibrant, mixed use space that encourages daytime and evening use.
- The development proposals will be the subject of two separate planning applications a full planning application for the
 Arena and an outline application for mixed-use development on the remainder of the Arena Island site. In advance of
 these planning applications the Council would like to share the emerging proposals and invite feedback from key
 stakeholders, groups and organisations with an interest, as well as the local community and the wider public, to help
 inform the final plans.
- The public consultation will be focussed around an exhibition of the proposals and at www.bristoltemplequarter.com/arenaconsultation where people can see the plans and comment online. A printed copy of the consultation material will also be available in local libraries.
- The main exhibition will be at the Customer Service Point, 100 Temple Street, on weekdays from Thursday 17
 September until Tuesday 13 October, with staffed early evening public drop-in sessions on 23 September and 1
 October from 6pm 7.30pm. The same exhibition will also be on display in the Galleries on Saturday 26 September and as a stand-alone exhibition in the main foyer of the Central Library from 28 September until 13 October.

If you would like a representative to attend a neighbourhood meeting or forum during the consultation period please contact **Jon Toy** at jon.toy@bristol.gov.uk.

For any further comments/qu on info@abc-pr.co.uk.	eries please email Avril Baker, Consultation co-ordinator on behalf of the project team

Henbury, Brentry and Southmead NP Plan Delivery Schedule September 2015 – March 2016

DRAFT version 1.00 September 2015

NP Plan Theme	Sept	Oct/ Nov	Dec/ Jan	Feb/March	
Active Citizenship, Equalities and Community Cohesion	Supporting H&B Com Plan delivery	Southmead Com Plan Communication support NP Governance	Equalities/Engagement ————————————————————————————————————	NP Communication future design	NP Plan Review Event
Community buildings and facilities	'influencing BCC to support financial investment	Developing Community space in H/B		Assets of Community Value listing events (with BS10 Group)	
Families, younger & older people.		 Explore development of FAST/Fast — Friends with primary schools LPW influencing 	Explore increasing Young people's influence	Explore link with Bristol Ageing Better (BAB)	>
Environment: Streetscene; Parks & Open Spaces; Green Capital	Review development of Be Proud of BS10/plan future — phases	 H&B Parks/Open Spaces priorities Explore Fonthill Park sale options 		Parks disability access work	>
Traffic and transport – Keep Bristol Moving		 Explore Aldi support for H&B transport service Design public event re: Sth Glos traffic/transport developments & impacts Hold Traffic/Transport sub-group 	>	•	
Housing, Planning and major projects		Meet with BS10 to explore future joint work – eg. Dunmail site			-
Employment, training and economic development			Explore with BS10 their plans re: high street renewal	Explore options for job/skills fair	
Crime and Community Safety				Explore community cohesion/hate crime city-wide good practice	
Health & Wellbeing			Explore options for setting up H/B Health event		>

DONCASTER ROAD - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

HENBURY AND SOUTHMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF 30th JULY- 28th AUGUST 2015

Four responses were received in respect of the proposed Pedestrian Improvement scheme prioritised by the Neighbourhood Partnership. Three of the responses were in support of the proposed Zebra Crossings and one objected. The objection and issues raised are outlined below.

In addition a public meeting was held on 26th August at the Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road to allow further public discussion and consider any issues raised.

Objection/Issues Raised

1. Would prefer the money to be spent on road resurfacing as Doncaster Road is in poor condition.

Engineers response: The funding for the proposed pedestrian improvements has already been prioritised by the Neighbourhood Partnership for this purpose.

However, specialist maintenance of the concrete road structure ('crack and seat') is also planned for 2016. Any works in respect of the proposed crossings will be coordinated with these works.

2. A speed camera is needed as speeds are too high and have increased since the 20mph speed limit was introduced.

Engineers response: Bristol City Council is currently in the process of switching existing fixed speed cameras back on, but is not currently planning to install any new ones. For information, the original criteria for the introduction of speed cameras required a certain number of recorded personal injury accidents and minimum speeds to be reached within a particular stretch of road before the installation of a fixed camera could be considered. Doncaster Road meets neither of these criteria.

The criteria for the use of a Police mobile camera unit are more relaxed, but would be a matter for the Police to consider.

Two 20mph pilot schemes were introduced in Bedminster and Easton in 2010/11 prior to the Citywide introduction of 20mph speed limits currently taking place. There is no evidence, either from these pilot studies or from similar speed limits introduced in other cities, that the introduction of 20mph speed limits has the effect of increasing vehicle speeds.

3. Request red light cameras at Doncaster Road/Southmead Road

Engineers response: This request is out of scope of the proposed pedestrian improvement scheme on Doncaster Road. For information however the existing signals equipment at this junction would be unable to support the introduction of a red light camera and there are no current plans to upgrade this equipment to enable it to do so. Whilst there have been a small number of personal injury accidents reported at this junction, the numbers are small and would not justify expenditure on road safety grounds alone.

4. The proposed crossing outside the Ranch should be placed outside Baddocks Wood Primary School instead.

Engineers response: It is appreciated that there was an expectation that the most attractive location to the northern end of Doncaster Road would be outside Baddocks Wood Primary School. Unfortunately technical issues relating to the location of the bus stop and the resulting poor visibility rule this site out on road safety grounds unless the existing bus stop can be relocated. The cost of achieving this exceeds the current budget.

The alternative site proposed outside the Ranch currently attracts 20% fewer pedestrians than the Baddocks Wood location, but this is still a well-used crossing point attracting 184 pedestrians during the survey period and meets all the criteria set out by the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Feedback from the public meeting held on 26th August suggested that the alternative location proposed would be acceptable.

5. Belisha beacons will cause light pollution outside houses. Will they only be on when children go to and from school?

Engineers response: The belisha beacons will be on continuously, but will be hooded to minimise light disturbance to neighbouring properties as far as possible.

6. Where will we park if parking is reduced?

Engineers response: The original consultation drawing indicated the introduction of some lengths of double yellow line parking restrictions in association with the proposed crossings. These have now been removed and although some local parking restrictions will be inevitable in order to enable sufficient visibility to be maintained for users of the crossing, this will be achieved by the use of zig zag road markings and kept to the minimum length necessary to maintain safety.

7. Water doesn't drain away; Gutter never cleared of debris

Engineers response: The crossing will include appropriate drainage detail to enable them to drain properly.