



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 20th June 2012

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RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:

- To note the updates from the last forums
- To note the latest meeting schedule and advise the AC in its updating
- To note the brief update regarding the Stoke Lodge consultation process
- To note the brief update regarding GBN issue. A more detailed and current update of the review will be provided to the meeting
- Note the brief update regarding potential largescale developments in S.Glos
- Note the information regarding the upcoming Community Infrastructure Levy
- Note the Action Plan update (appendix 1) with a view to providing the Area Coordinator with updates and new actions at the Working Group meetings in the Autumn

1. Updates from Forums

Three successful Forums held in May. The discussions held are set out below.

Next scheduled Forum dates are as follows:

Stoke Bishop – 7pm Wednesday 24th October. Cedar Park School
Westbury-on-Trym – 7pm Wednesday 7th November 2012. Venue 35
Henleaze – 7pm Monday 5th November – Henleaze Library

For meeting notes and other information, visit the NP website:

<http://www.activenp.co.uk/>

Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Forum Wednesday 16th May 2012

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr Alastair Watson

Officers: Farhan Ahmed, Gary Brentnall

Ward Representatives: Alan Aburrow (Chairman), David Mayer, Sue Boyd

Guest Speaker: Wendy Hull – Bristol Neighbourhood Watch, Hilary Long Chair Westbury on Trym Society, , PC Terry Philips, PCSO Tom Sadowski

Plus approximately 25 members of the public

Discussions on the evening included changes to planning legislation, local planning issues, including Wesley College, Bristol Free School, the Forresters pub, Hiatt Baker Hall, and the South Glos Core Strategy.

Other topics included Neighbourhood Watch, Promoting Westbury-on-Trym, and police feedback.

The issues raised at the forum are being followed up by officers:

	Issue/Priority
1	Potential encroachment issue on pavement in W-o-T
2	Speeding in Canford Lane - blind Conner from the Cemetery to Coombe Dingle- people died recently in an accident in the bend. Need Neighbourhood community speed watch?
3	Provision of public convenience at Stoke lodge. Suggestion made - the Pavilion available as alternative access.
4	Canford Crematorium public right of way.

Stoke Bishop Forum Thursday 10th May 2012

Present: Councillor John Goulandris and Councillor Peter Abraham.
Officers: Andrew McGrath, Farhan Ahmed, Gary Brentnall, Steve Riley, Ian Bell.
PCSO Chris Whitehorn..
Ward Representatives: Tony Hoare (Chairman), Gay Huggins, Alan Preece and Wendy Hull,.
and approximately 50 members of the public

Apologies: PC Paul White.

Detailed notes of the meeting can be found at the website above.

Discussions on the evening included Trees, the proposed development of a play area on Stoke Lodge, other proposed developments in the Stoke Bishop area and the residents planning group that is monitoring them, Primary school catchment areas in the ward, and a question and answer session with a representative from Greater Bristol Bus Network

Henleaze Forum Thursday 17th May 2012

The meeting began with election statements being made by Val Bishop and Simon Tomlinson. A third candidate in the Henleaze rep election wasn't present. A secret ballot was held and Val and Simon were elected.

PC Terry Philips gave a brief presentation on his work, including monitoring speeding cars in the area and recent crime figures. Crime is low in the area. There have been incidents of crime but these are similar or lower than corresponding figures for last year. This is Terry's last meeting, as he is being transferred to response.

Reps from May Gurney gave a short presentation and answered questions. They are now working territorially, so that they get to know the area well. They can pass on issues such as blocked drains. A resident commended them on being much cleaner than the previous contractor. Street cleaners are supposed to clean under trees

Please see sheet below for action arising from the Henleaze Forum. Only items still open are featured.

	Issue	Raised	Action	Who responsible	Due	Outcome	Status	Notes
1	Parking on Henleaze Rd / Henleaze Park Drive in the area around Ikon sports and school clothing shop in late August early September	10-Nov-11	Traffic Enforcement and the Police patrol the area	Police	30-Sep-12		Open	No action required until Aug
		10-Nov-11	Traffic Enforcement and the Police patrol the area	BCC	30-Sep-12		Open	No action required until Aug
3	Traffic Lights on North View	02-Feb-12	Review TTRO and studies that have taken place	Councillor	29-Feb-12		Open	
		02-Feb-12	Identify alternatives to partial closure	NP3 Rep	29-Feb-12		Open	
4	Lighting in Grange Court Road	02-Feb-12	Arrange for lights to be replaced as part of ongoing work	Councillor	17-May-12		Open	
		02-Feb-12	Set up a priority list for Transport WG to replace of street lights	NP3 Rep	01-May-12		Open	
5	Bristol Water Resilience Scheme	02-Feb-12	Put link on NP3 website to relevant section	NP3 Rep	29-Feb-12		Open	

			on Bristol Water website					
		02-Feb-12	Define alternative parking arrangements for residents	BCC	17-May-12		Open	
		02-Feb-12	Ensure there are no clashes with other work in the area	BCC	17-May-12		Open	
6	Section 106 money from North View	02-Feb-12	Collate suggestions on how money can be spent	NP3 Rep	17-May-12		Open	
1	A boards causing an obstruction near Studland Court	17 May 12	Police and/or Street scene to visit those premises with boards	BCC, Police	5 Nov 12	Information leaflets to be given to premises	Open	
2	Litter bin outside The Avenue bus stop is in the wrong place	17 May 12	Check on position	BCC AEO	5 Nov-12		Open	
3	Why are there only time indicators on GBBN bus stops?	17 May 12	Likely to do with funding but officers to check	BCC NDO	5 Nov-12		Open	
4	S1 bus does not come up on display board. Why?	17 May 12	Officers to check	BCC NDO	5 Nov-12		Open	

2. Future meeting dates

	Cycle 4 (2011/12)	Cycle 1 (2012/13)	Cycle 2 (2012/13)	Cycle 3 (2012/13)
NP	Wednesday 20th June Venue Stoke Bishop Primary 7.00pm	Monday 24 th Sept Venue Redmaids (provisional) 7.00pm	Monday 3 rd Dec Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 4 th March Venue tbc 7.00pm
NP Pre meeting	Wednesday 13 th June Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 17 th Sept Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 26 th Nov Venue tbc 5.30pm	Monday 25 th Feb Venue tbc 5.30pm
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Henleaze Forum	Thursday 17 th May Henleaze Library 7.00pm	Forum? Attend community events?	Monday 5 th November Venue tbc 7.00pm	Monday 23 rd Jan Venue tbc 7.00pm
WoT Forum	Wednesday 16 th May Venue 35 7.00pm	Thursday 23 rd August Venue Venue 35 (provisional) 7.00pm	Wednesday 7 th November Venue tbc 7.00pm	Tuesday 24 th Jan Venue tbc 7.00pm
SB Forum	Thursday 10 th May SB Primary School 7.00pm	Forum? Attend community event?	Wednesday 24 th October Venue tbc 7.00pm	Wednesday 25 th Jan Venue tbc 7.00pm

Well Being Fund	Wednesday 30 th May Henleaze Library 5.30pm	Tuesday 4 th September Venue tbc 5.30pm	Tuesday 6 th Nov Venue tbc 5.30pm	Wednesday 6 th February Venue tbc 5.30pm
Comms Working Group	Monday 23 rd April WoT Library 5.30pm	? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?
Transport Working Group	Tuesday 1 st May WoT Primary School 6.30pm	Thursday 26 th July WoT Primary School 6.30pm	Monday 8 th October WoT Primary School 6.30pm	Tuesday 15 th January WoT Primary School 6.30pm
Environment Working group	? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?	
Older persons Working Group	Wednesday 25 th April 7.00pm	? ? ?	? ? ?	
Younger persons Working Group	? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?	
Governance Working Group	? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?	

3. Stoke Lodge Consultation

After seemingly endless complications, the consultation on where the potential site of the proposed play area is now progressing. The Stoke Bishop Councillors were asked to sign off the process by which Stoke Lodge user groups will be given the opportunity to suggest and comment on the best location for a play area.

This first phase of consultation took place on Tuesday 29th May at Coombe Dingle Sports facility, with the sports users and providers. All the invitees attended. The next stage will be to do detailed work with the local Primary schools. This will take place some time in June. Following this the process should allow for wider consultation but with some firm recommendations from consultees.

4. GBN works – White Tree Roundabout

There has been considerable concern expressed by residents and commuters regarding the (inbound) approach to the White Tree Roundabout on Westbury Road. Alan Aburrow, on behalf of the Transport Working Group, also sent a letter to The BCC project team responsible for the work. This letter (see appendix 1) expressed concern that incoming traffic is now backing up to Falcondale Road as a result of the bus lane and the changed priorities at the roundabout.

Whilst the Highways team believes the temporary traffic lights on North View are significantly contributing to the level of traffic on Westbury Road (as drivers may be avoiding North View and joining Westbury Road further to the north of the roundabout), the team is to undertake a review of the work.

It is unable to provide substantial comment until this review has taken place, but has vowed to provide an update by the date of the NP meeting.

5. Briefing Note: South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Examination in Public

There has been considerable concern expressed about the potential impact of the development of South Gloucestershire land bordering Bristol. A briefing note is provided below. The NP may wish to invite officers to attend future NP meetings to provide further updates and to enable the NP to express its concerns about the possible impact of a large development so close to Bristol's northern border

Background

1. South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has been preparing a Core Strategy – a broad brush plan for its administrative area - since 2008. Following several

rounds of consultation and amendment the Plan is now in its later stages, potentially leading to its formal adoption. A crucial next stage is the Examination in Public: a process by which an independent Inspector assesses submitted evidence to decide whether the Core Strategy is “sound” – ie fit for adoption.

2. A series of hearings is taking place, beginning on 19th June and finishing on 13th July, where an independent Inspector will hear the views of a number of interests, some supporting the Core Strategy and some objecting to it. It should be noted that Core Strategies are intended to be strategic documents. As such, they do not contain detailed policies or proposals: these will be the subject of later plans, which will expand on the basic framework of the Core Strategy.

Bristol City Council Involvement

3. The City Council has submitted several objections to the Core Strategy and is in the process of submitting further representations by 7th June. The main areas of concern which are covered by these are:
 - The future of the Filton Airfield, which is earmarked for closure and redevelopment. In particular, BCC’s case focuses on the need to ensure that jobs relating to the aerospace industry and other potential growth sectors of the economy can be attracted to Filton, through the allocation of land around the east area of the runway for employment uses.
 - The approach taken to planning of the wider Cribbs/ Patchway area. This is considered to be over-intensive as a result of major growth at The Mall, development of a large amount of new housing (including some on Green Belt to the west of the A4018), and potential traffic congestion and parking impacts. These changes could have adverse effects on Bristol communities, particularly in adjoining areas. Adverse impacts of an expanded Mall on the trading of existing shopping centres are a major concern.
4. Specifically, the representations made by the City Council seek:
 - No more growth at The Mall (new proposals by SGC show an increase in floorspace of 60%)
 - Reduction of housing at the Airfield and west of the A4018 (Cribbs Causeway) by 1,600 homes. This would mean no loss of Green Belt in the Cribbs Causeway area.
 - Allocation of 70 Hectares of land at the Airfield for employment – primarily aerospace. This would help to secure jobs for north Bristol residents.
 - Further examination of the traffic impacts of new development around Cribbs/Filton/Patchway.

5. SGC has only released details of traffic flows within the last few days. City Council officers are analysing these, with the intention of submitting a further representation by the closing date of 7th June. The effects of more traffic need to be balanced against potential mitigating factors – e.g. improvements to public transport and cycling facilities and changes to the road network. There have been concerns that there may be insufficient funding to deliver all the necessary improvements. Much of the current uncertainty regarding the capacity of the transport network is a product of late changes to the Core Strategy associated with closure of the Airfield and proposed major growth at The Mall. This should be covered in EiP Matters 14 and 22 – see table below.

The Hearings

6. The Examination hearings will be divided into separate “Matters”, chosen by the Inspector for discussion. These are specified to help him explore issues which need further clarification. He will control the proceedings with this in mind. Participants in the discussions are decided in advance. All hearings take place at Kingswood Civic Centre. Matters which are likely to be of greatest interest to the Neighbourhood Partnership are listed below.

Dates	Matters Include
19 th June	Matter 4: Sustainability Appraisal (am/pm)
19 th June	Matter 6: Green Belt (pm)
21 st June	Matter 9: Filton Airfield (am/pm)
26 th June	Matter 13: Town Centres and Retail (am/pm)
27 th June	Matter 14: Strategic Transport and Accessibility
11 th July	Matter 22: Communities of the North Fringe (am/pm)

Morning hearings start at 10.00 am and afternoon hearings at 2.00pm. There will be a lunch break at about 1.00pm.

7. Further details of all the matters, participants and statements are available on the South Gloucestershire website at: www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategyexamination
8. Depending on the outcome of the Examination, the Inspector could endorse the Core Strategy as being sound, recommend changes (known as Main Modifications) or recommend non-adoption.

6. Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new system of developer funding that BCC is proposing to introduce. It means that a development may have to contribute towards infrastructure that is needed to support the growth of the city, such as schools and transport improvements.

It will be applied as a charge on each square metre of new building, and will be payable by most developments in Bristol.

CIL will replace a number of existing planning obligations. Once it is in place, planning obligations will be scaled back to just cover site specific measures that are required to make a development acceptable, as well as for affordable housing provision.

At the same time as CIL is adopted, a revised Supplementary Planning Document about Planning Obligations (SPD4) will also come into effect.

BCC has submitted a CIL Draft Charging Schedule to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

Set out below is the timetable for the introduction of CIL:

- December 2011 / January 2012 – Consultation on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule
- March 2012 – Consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule
- 18 April 2012 – Submission of the Draft Charging Schedule for examination by the Planning Inspectorate
- Summer 2012 – Examination of the Draft Charging Schedule will take place
- Autumn 2012 – Anticipated adoption of the Charging Schedule
- 1 January 2013 - Anticipated date that the council will start charging CIL

There is more detailed information on the BCC website. Go to:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/community-infrastructure-levy-cil>

7. Devolved services update

All of the latest positions regarding budgets that are devolved to this NP are featured in the Annual Business Report. Annual budgets for the coming year are featured in the AGM report tabled by the Democratic Services Officer.

8. Action Plan update

Please see attached Appendix 1 update on the Action plan presented at last June's NP meeting. I would like to revisit this plan with each of the Working Groups. Members are requested to read the plan and provide input in to its updating in the Autumn.

APPENDIX 1

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan

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This is the plan to deliver the priorities identified at the Joint Forum held on 20th November 2010, and has been developed from additional input from residents and service providers at other public meetings.

	Priority/ Issue		Proposed Action	Who is responsible – lead agencies and/or people	Time scale	Measure / Monitoring	Update
1	1. Marketing, Communications, community engagement and capacity building Working Group	1.1	Consolidation of Communications group and agreed plan	Neighbourhood Development Worker – Communications Working Group	End May	Plan submitted to September NP meeting	No plan submitted. Communications Working Group agreed its priorities for coming year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Red Books • Posters & Leaflets • Publicity • Mailing lists

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		1.2	Draw up governance procedures and Deliver an election	Area Coordinator/Democratic Officers/Working Group	May/June	Agreed process Elections carried out	Elections planned and carried out (in Henleaze) at May Forums 2012 by Governance Group
		1.3	Draw up and deliver against a Community Engagement Plan inc Recruitment of new Forum Members, how we engage with the elderly, young and people living in social housing Training plan for any new NP reps	Neighbourhood Development Officer Area Coordinator	End of June End of June August	Plan agreed at June NP Attendance records, Plan, no of new residents from target groups attending Training Plan	Done Record of attendees kept. Report to be produced for Communications Working Group in September Not done. Discussion needed with Communications Working Group regarding if this is needed

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		1.4	Full list of Booked Forums with venues	NDO, AC	End Feb	Annual Calendar	Done except summer forums
		1.5	Launch of redesigned Website	Members of Comms Working Group	End of March	Website	Significant progress made by active reps. Redesign of website on-going
		1.6	Investigate more effective use of the Libraries	NDO	End of Year	Meeting notes “Red folders”	Some use of libraries for promotion sessions. Red Books used and updated. Need a discussion on their effectiveness
		1.7	Up to £1,000 to spend on effective actions against this priority.	Area Coordinator Community Development Worker /resident reps	End of Sept	Items / services purchased.	Money spent according to Working Group’s instructions – Ads in publications and poster for Pride of Place exhibition

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2	2. Provision for the elderly	2.0	Carry out a needs analysis. Remit to effectively spend £500 per ward.	Older Peoples working group	End of March 2011	Completed needs analysis survey and recommendations for actions.	See below 2.1 – 2.4
	Working group chaired by Sue Boyd sueboyd@dircon.co.uk	2.1	Use the Dial-a ride (or similar) to deliver outings for elderly residents to include at least 50% harder to reach groups	Area Coordinator to support Older Peoples working group to deliver	End Feb On going	Project submitted Activities list	Transport paid for, constitution of group in draft format Dates for trips finalised. A huge success.
		2.2	Work towards achieving facilities maps in all areas	Area Coordinator and Older peoples working group	Jan 2012	Maps produced	Henleaze map produced
		2.3	Encourage and Support projects which impact on the Elderly	Area Coordinator, Community Development Worker and Older peoples working group	On going	Applications into the Well being fund	Significant success of this group has resulted in numerous activities for older people (see separate report)

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		2.4	Set up walking group	Worker and Older peoples working group	End of April	Done. First walk on 5 th April 2011. Over 60 people attended. Walking group established and run by Roy Pepworth.	On-going, popular and successful
3	3. Provision for Young people	3.1	Set up a young persons working group	Area Coordinator and residents	On going	Working Group established, with meeting notes, actions, quality bids submitted	Working Group not yet established. Note: Because of changes to BCC youth delivery, fewer services will be available to assist with this. Some city-wide advice to be made available

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		3.2	Encourage and support projects which impact on young people	Area Coordinator, NDO, NP reps	On going	Number of Bids into well being fund/ joint meetings with other service providers and funders	A number of successful bids from schools; toddler groups; baby groups, have been received
		3.3	Support Parents groups to engage in dialogue with appropriate stakeholders and other interest groups	Area Coordinator / NDO	On going	No of meetings	Few such groups have been engaged with. Difficult to access. New approach needed
		3.4	Actively find youth activities delivered locally	NDO – set up group to help with this work	On going	Active young persons Working Group needed	See 3.1 above
		3.5	Inform young people of activities	PCSOs/CYPS/Community NDO and AC	On going	Copies of flyers etc	Little work been performed on this

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		3.6	Support local delivery partners to take advantage of any new procurement opportunities	Area Coordinator	On going		Youth Links still under development. AC to keep partnership updated
4	4. Green spaces maintenance and the environment Working group chaired by Area coordinator – Ward Rep to be appointed at June meeting	4.1	Ensure that local environmental groups have a voice in the ongoing dialogue with BCC and other stockholders regarding Green Space Priorities	Area Coordinator / NDO	On going	No of groups supported	Working group is now chaired by the Area Environment Officers. The group has produced its list of priorities under the “Area and Green Spaces Strategy”
		4.2	Encourage local groups to apply for Well Being grant to pilot new eco friendly projects	Area Coordinator / Community Development Worker /Resident Reps	On going	No of successful bids	Numerous successful environmental bids

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		4.3	Ensure that back alleys and informal green spaces are cleaned up	Area Coordinator AEO	On going	No of clean ups/before and after pics	£500 worth of “Clean and Green” activity in each ward. Hanging baskets. Community Payback used to clear areas and plant bulbs
5	5. Traffic and Transport	5.1	Support and Strengthen the work of the Transport Working Group	Area Coordinator and NDO	On going	Meeting notes and updates to NP	Regular meetings held
	Working group chaired by Alan Aburrow afanp@tiscali.co.uk	5.2	Ensure that local people are consulted effectively	Area Coordinator / NDO /relevant officers/ Transport Working Group	On going	Regular meetings	All meetings reported on, minutes published
		5.3	Ensure BCC Officer engagement in the NP process	AC/Working Group	On going	Attendance records	BCC officers in attendance at all meetings where required

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		5.4	Influence a more effective enforcement campaign to deter people from parking illegally	NDO /Police/Parking	On going	Fewer complaints	All complainants at Forums encouraged to contact Parking Services or Police
		5.5	Disseminate up to date transport time tables to local venues/events	NDO	On going	No of venues/events where info is disseminated	Not happened
	Crime	6.1	Continued support new and existing students to be aware of possible crimes and antisocial behaviour (victims and perpetrators)	Police/safer Bristol	Drop in student Crime	Crime Stats	NP funded a crime awareness project for new students. Very successful.
		6.2	Reduce the fear of crime – Walkabouts to be planned for each ward (1 per Year each) to include a multi agency approach	Community Safety Officer/NDO, resident participation	On going	No of events attended	There were walkabouts in 2011, but it is considered there is no need for them in the NP area now

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		6.3	Drop in student related ASB – awareness raising re how people perceive student ASB	Safer Bristol/police	On going	Drop in reported ASB	See 6.1 above
		6.4	Develop and support additional neighbourhood watch groups	Police/Safer Bristol	On going	Increased membership and formation of NWs	WB funding provided to NW for training