

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership
20 June 2012**

Report from the Transport Working Group

1. Introduction

The Group's last quarterly Meeting was held at the Westbury-on-Trym Academy on 1 May. Notes of the Meeting have been circulated to all attendees (and Group Members) and can also be viewed on the NP's website (www.activenp.co.uk). The majority of the Meeting was devoted to prioritising the NP's Minor Traffic Schemes for 2012/13 (Item 4, below).

2. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)

Several concerns have been raised about the efficacy of the GBBN's Whiteladies Road/Westbury Road (A4018) route, both at the Working Group's last Meeting and at the most recent round of Forum Meetings in each of our 3 Wards.

There were 2 specific concerns with the GBBN's improvements executed within our NP area - primarily the Bus Lane in Westbury Road, on its approach to the Whitetree roundabout. In short, this appears to be a complete disaster that defies all definitions of being "fit for purpose". Even the results published in the GBBN's "Non-Statutory Consultation" acknowledged the very high number of negative responses to the original proposals. All this "negativity" was completely ignored in the Scheme's execution, as it was implemented unchanged.

The key problem is that, with effectively only one lane entering the roundabout, queues regularly stretch back to the top of Falcondale Road. This means that buses are now trapped with all the other queuing traffic on the approach to the start of the new bus lane, negating any potential benefit from it. Therefore, we would contend that the bus lane adds nothing to improving the free passage of buses heading towards Bristol and could be construed as making progress even slower.

Furthermore, the road layout on the immediate approach to the roundabout has created a dangerous situation for legitimate traffic using the bus lane (taxis, motorcyclists etc) that wishes to turn right at the roundabout into Parry's Lane. This traffic has to mix/merge with traffic already in the right hand lane which invariably leads to confrontational situations on the roundabout itself. This is an accident waiting to happen!

The second concern was apropos the new cycle lanes, where it is unclear as to whether or not all the road markings have been completed and audited, in particular the cycle contraflow at the North View end of

Westbury Park. It is felt by some that the new layout is not obvious and could be confrontational with other road users. Some residents are of the opinion that the “improvements” were specifically “anti-car” in that the original 2-lane exit into North View has now been reduced to only one lane.

The GBBN Project Team Manager has been asked to comment on these concerns, specifically seeking clarification as to whether or not the original road layouts would be restored if the planned “improvements” have not been demonstrably achieved. Overall, we would welcome any quantitative feedback from the GBBN to indicate that the new arrangements are, in fact, an improvement!

3. Minor Traffic Schemes, Previously Approved by the NP

The majority of the work approved by the NP in June 2010 and March 2011, for implementation in 2010/11 and 2011/12 respectively, has been completed. The following approved schemes/feasibility studies are due for completion in the near future:

1. New parking restrictions at the Old Sneed Avenue junction with Stoke Hill, combined with other parking restrictions in Shirehampton Road (near its junctions with Sea Mills Lane and Stoke Paddock Road), Sea Mills Lane (leading to Sea Mills Station) and Kewstoke Road (outside the Village Hall) will be completed in the next few months.
2. Results from a feasibility study for the possible remodelling of the Passage Road/Greystoke Avenue junction, including traffic counts, are awaiting analysis and publication by BCC’s Traffic Management Team.
3. A traffic signal sequencing review of the 4 sets of lights on Falcondale Road was completed in January. Results are currently being evaluated, ahead of publication, by BCC’s Traffic Management Team.
4. A Parking Restriction Review and consultation in the areas of Etloe Road, St Albans Road, Royal Albert Road and Devonshire Road was completed last year. It is currently anticipated that implementation of new parking restrictions will be completed this autumn.

4. Minor Traffic Schemes, Prioritised for 2012/13

At the last NP, we were advised that funding of £25,714 was available for 2012/13. Together with unspent funding rolled-over from 2011/12, the NP will have approximately £28k to spend on Minor Traffic Schemes in 2012/13.

At the Transport Working Group’s last Meeting, a total of 25 Highway Issues were considered for possible resolution and implementation in 2012/13. A copy of the full list is appended to this Report, updated to take account of the points raised during the Meeting’s deliberations.

The following 25 Issues were prioritised, on a Ward by Ward basis, for implementation in 2012/13:

H112 (Westbury Road, near Brecon Road) – An additional Zebra Crossing had been requested but its necessity will be reviewed as part of the expansion of the St Ursula's School site.

H114 (Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose) – This is a problem of pedestrian safety with vehicles entering/exiting the car park over a pavement. There are approximately 40,000 vehicle movements per week. After much discussion, BCC's Traffic Management function will be requested to undertake traffic/pedestrian movement counts and draw up some layout proposals for this area, at a cost of £2k.

H115 (Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco) – Similar problem to H114. BCC's Traffic Management function will be asked to review the current layout, at cost of £2K.

H117 (Henleaze Road/Northumbria Drive mini roundabout) – The road markings have recently been repainted and a possible solution for traffic calming would be to build out the pavements to re-shape the junction. A design study would cost £4K, with implementation costing approx. £20K. However, this may be unnecessary if a 20mph speed limit is implemented in this area.

H118 (Park Grove) – Low usage does not warrant a Zebra Crossing but pavement build-outs may provide a practical solution. It would need a design study and a subsequent local consultation, at a cost of £3.5K. The school may contribute to implementation once this was completed.

H119 (Howard Road) – Complaint about speeding but this was to be put on hold to see if local, City-wide, 20mph limits would be implemented.

H120 (Westbury Park area) – Any Resident Parking Permit Schemes would be reviewed as part of an on-going City-wide initiative.

Priority Ranking for Henleaze: 1: H114 (£2K), 2: H115 (£2K), 3: H118 (£3.5K), 4: H117 (£4K).

S106 (Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road) – Additional parking restrictions have been requested by the Downs Committee and bus operators. There is the possibility of some external funding from public transport operators, as this includes a bus route. It was suggested that passing places should be included in Circular Road. Cost of £3K for consultation and subsequent TRO.

S107 (Kewstoke Road) – Double yellow lines outside the Village Hall had been added to a TRO currently being progressed, at no additional cost.

S108 (West Dene) – Parking problems seem to have eased since the Coombe Dingle Sports Ground now use traffic cones to ameliorate bad parking at the junctions. Therefore, it was decided to put this issue on hold and review as necessary.

S110 (Parry's Lane/Abbey Gate) – A review of parking restrictions will be included with W112 (see below).

S111 & S113 (Cook's Folly Road & Seawalls Road) – A review of parking restrictions will be included with S106.

S114 (Stoke Road/Saville Road) – Additional parking restrictions on Stoke Road, approaching the traffic lights were essential to alleviating the current congestion. Also, double yellow lines should be included opposite the junction with Ladies Mile, which would also give a passing place on Stoke Road. Cost £2.5K for a TRO.

Priority Ranking for Stoke Bishop: 1: S114 (£2.5K), 2: S106 (£3K).

W101 (Passage Road/Greystoke Avenue junction) – Data from a recent traffic survey should be available by mid-June. However, the cost for implementing improvements would probably be in the order of £70-£80K.

W105 (Falcondale Road) – Recent traffic counts on this road have enabled the phasing of the traffic lights to be optimised to improve traffic flow. Discussion took place on the possibility of including an additional pedestrian refuge near the Greystoke Avenue junction (**W119**). It was felt that the results from the traffic counts should be tabled before any further progress can be made.

W108 (High Street) – Pedestrianisation (or part-pedestrianisation) was not within the budget of the NP and was put on hold until any plans were publicised.

W109 (Eastfield Road) – Footway improvements at the top of Waters Lane would cost approx £10K. This would improve safety for pedestrians and include a dropped-kerb crossing at the Village Hall. As the venue was used a great deal for weddings, events, etc, the Village Hall Committee should be consulted on any proposals. Users of the Hall needed to be able to unload their vehicles safely, without causing obstructions. A Design Study and consultation would cost approx £3K.

W112 (Stoke Lane Parking Review) – Primarily, the review was aimed at achieving safer parking at the junctions with Falcondale Road, Parry's Lane and some side roads, such as Great Brockeridge. There would be a consultation and it was emphasised that the shopkeepers must respond in order to voice their concerns or objections at the consultation stage. The review and consultation would cost approx £4K.

W114 (Chock Lane) – Concerns were expressed over the possible installation of a "speed hump" at the bottom of the road. The adjacent buildings were old and could be affected by vibration, as well as the noise. It was felt that all that could be done had been done to support "traffic calming" and this issue would now be put on hold and subject to review.

W115/W116 (Great Brockeridge & Reedley Road) – Would be included with W112.

W117 (Southmead Road) – The cost of a feasibility study for a Zebra Crossing near Alexandra Road would cost £1K, with a matching contribution of £1K from NP4. However, this sum could be revised to £1.5k per NP, if traffic counts are deemed necessary as part of the study.

W118 (Henbury Road, pavement parking opposite No 20) – This is a “grey area” with parking restrictions difficult to enforce. For £1K, steel demarcation studs could be installed to show the exact position of the pavement boundary, as an aid to parking enforcement.

W119 (Falcondale Road) – A pedestrian crossing may be necessary near Greystoke Ave as the number of pupils attending the new Free School increases. This issue would be kept under review.

Priority Ranking for Westbury-on-Trym: 1: W112 (£4K), 2: W109 (£3K), 3: W118 (£1K), 4: W117 (£1K).

In total, 10 Issues were prioritised for implementation in 2012/13, at a total cost of £26k. Taking account of the additional funding of £2k required for “Minor Signing and Lining”, this total summates to the £28k available.

5. Carriageway Surface Dressing & Footway Resurfacing

At the last NP, we were advised that all Carriageway Surface Dressing schemes for our Neighbourhood Partnership in 2012/13 had been prioritised by BCC’s Highways function and, therefore, the NP was not required to take any part in the prioritisation process. These proposals were endorsed by the NP.

In addition, the last NP approved Footway Resurfacing schemes in Stoke Grove (£37k), Glen Drive (£16k) and part of Springfield Grove (£13k) for 2012/13, from a budget of £63k. However, it has subsequently been reported that Glen Drive may be put on hold pending possible flood relief work in the area.

7. Recommendations

The Neighbourhood Partnership is requested to:

1. **Note** the on-going concerns regarding traffic problems resulting from the GBBN’s improvements in our Neighbourhood Partnership area and **Approve** the request that the GBBN Team provide quantitative evidence that their scheme is demonstrably fit for purpose and has achieved its design intent (Item 2, above).
2. **Note** the current progress with minor traffic schemes previously sanctioned by the NP (Item 3, above).
3. **Approve** proposals for 10 minor traffic schemes, as detailed in Item 4, for implementation in 2012/13 from the NP’s devolved budget.

Alan Aburrow
Chairman, Transport Working-Group
(28 May 2012)

Transport Working Group

Prioritised Highway Issues for 2012/13 (Budget Approx £28k)

Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Progress	Considerations/Cost	Ranking
H112	Hen	Westbury Road (near Brecon Road)	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Cost would be approx £25-30k. There are already 2 Zebra Crossings close to the proposed site. Also, the proximity of a road junction and a bus stop would need to be considered.	£25 - 30k. Requirement to be reviewed as part of expansion of the St Ursula's site	
H114	Hen	Northumbria Drive - exit from Waitrose car park	Safety concerns for pedestrians crossing car park exit	Waitrose have done what they can with signage. Best solution would be to reconstruct exit to prioritise vehicular access.	Design study £2k	H1
H115	Hen	Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco	Safety concerns for pedestrians on pavement	Contact Tesco to request improvements to their signage. Also review current parking restrictions adjacent to entrance.	Review - £2k	H2
H117	Hen	Henleaze Road/ Northumbria Drive Junction	Excessive speed of traffic entering mini-roundabout	Repaint existing road markings. Review of junction layout and implementation of improvements would cost approx £25k	Repaint - completed; Design Study - £4k	H4
H118	Hen	Park Grove, near junction with Henleaze Park	Install Zebra Crossing, for the benefit of children attending local school	Low volume of traffic does not support a crossing as a 24/7 solution. An uncontrolled crossing point (with pavement build-outs) would cost approx £15-20k	Design Study & Consultation - £3.5k	H3
H119	Hen	Howard Road	Complaint from a resident about excessive speed of vehicles.	Need to establish extent of the problem.	On hold - dependant on city-wide 20mph scheme	
H120	Hen	Westbury Park	Weekday Resident Parking Permit Scheme	Conduct a consultation with residents as part of city-wide scheme	N/A - Would be a centrally funded city-wide project, if required	
S106	SB	Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road	Parking and one-way restrictions have been requested. The problems have arisen since the current proposals for parking restrictions on the Downs have been developed and are therefore not included in the current scheme.	This requires a Parking Review, followed by Consultation and a TRO for "yellow lining" work at a cost of approx £3-4k	Cosultation, TRO and implementation approx £3k	S2

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S107	SB	Kewstoke Road junction with Stoke Hill	Building out the pavement at the entrance to Kewstoke Road to (1) provide informal people-gathering space outside the village hall, (2) prevent car-parking immediately outside the hall, (3) improve visibility for cars coming out of Kewstoke Road; building out the pavement either side of Stoke Hill to (1) reduce the Stoke Hill road-width as a passive traffic-calming measure and (2) make pedestrian crossing of Stoke Hill easier	Requires a survey and a detailed design study, plus Consultation - this would cost approx £7 to £8k. However, parking restrictions ("yellow lining") could be introduced with S101 and S103 at minimal additional cost	Add to current TRO for S101, S102 etc at nill cost	XXX
S108	SB	West Dene junction with Coombe Lane	Inconsiderate parking on junction - exacerbated when large numbers of visitors attend the University Sports Ground	Problem being monitored. Possible solution would be to introduce parking restrictions.	Continue to monitor situation	
S110	SB	Parry's Lane/Abbey Gate	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Could be included with W112	Add to W112 at nill extra cost	XXX
S111	SB	Cooks Folly Rd/Knowle Hill junction	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Could be included with S106 at minimal additional cost	Add to S106 at nill extra cost	XXX
S113	SB	Seawalls Road & Seawalls	Parking problems around junction	Could be included with S106 at minimal additional cost	Add to S106 at nill extra cost	XXX
S114	SB	Stoke Road junction with Saville Road	Junction is blocked by parked cars in left hand lane and stationary cars in right hand lane	Additional parking restrictions on approach to junction (when driving towards Stoke Bishop). Could be included with S106	TRO approx £2.5k - also to include section of Stoke Road, opposite junction with Ladies Mile	S1
W101	WoT	Junction of Passage Rd and Greystoke Ave	Closure of the top end of Passage Road to incoming traffic by creating a "No Right Turn" from Greystoke Avenue. It is hoped that this would reduce city-bound rat-running traffic from Passage Road/Falcondale Road coming through the village in order to avoid the traffic lights on the main Falcondale Road.	Feasibility study sanctioned at June 2010 NP. Traffic counts completed in January 2012. Results currently being analysed for presentation to NP. As Greystoke Ave is in Southmead Ward, consultation would be required with Henbury & Southmead NP.	Feasibility Study complete; proposals and costs awaited	
W105	WoT	Falcondale Road	Measures are needed to improve the free-flow of traffic along the "Westbury Bypass" (Falcondale Road). At the very least, a revision to the inter-linked phasing of the 4 sets of traffic lights should be seen as a priority in an effort to improve traffic flow. Traffic has to be encouraged to use the bypass, rather than rat-running through the village.	The signals on Falcondale Road are linked under the centralised SCOOT system which optimises the green timings across the area to improve traffic capacity and flow. A traffic signal sequencing review was sanctioned at the March 2011 NP and is now complete. Results currently being analysed for presentation to NP	Feasibility Study complete; proposals and costs awaited	

Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Progress	Considerations/Cost	Ranking
W108	WoT	High Street	Temporary/permanent pedestrianisation of the High Street between Church Road and the War Memorial.	Various scheme currently being examined and costed by SusWot. However, the cost of implementing any major proposals would be outside the NP's devolved budget.	Awaiting proposals. Any major work would be outside the NP's budget	
W109	WoT	Eastfield Road (near top of Waters Lane)	Pavement build-outs and pedestrian crossing improvements, including the widening of footways between Albert Place and Waters Lane.	Cost estimated at approx £10k. Will be prioritised for possible inclusion in 2012/13 devolved budget.	Design study and consultation £3k (prior to implementation)	W2
W112	WoT	Stoke Lane, from Falcondale Rd to Parry's Lane	Undertake a parking review to include parking restrictions at all junctions (including Abbey Gate)	Parking restriction review and implementation sanctioned at March 2011 NP . However, this was only part-funded and will require additional funding to complete - cost approx £7-8k.	Survey and consultation £4k	W1
W114	WoT	Chock Lane	Introduce traffic-calming measures	Road is already subject to a mandatory 20mph speed limit. Additional "minor signing & lining" to be considered. Speed humps could provide a solution at approx cost of £10k each	Firm proposals and cost estimates required	
W115	WoT	Great Brockeridge/ Downs Road	Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of junction, to alleviate inconsiderate parking	Will be included with W112 at minimal additional cost	Add to W112 at nil extra cost	XXX
W116	WoT	Reedley Road/ Briarwood junction	Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of junction, to alleviate inconsiderate parking	Will be included with W112 at minimal additional cost	Add to W112 at nil extra cost	XXX
W117	WoT	Southmead Road, near Alexandra Road	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Cost approx £20k. Under review for prioritisation in 2012/13. Cross-boundary joint funding agreed by NP4, subject to match funding from BCC. Feasibility study £2k.	Feasibility Study, approx £1k (matched with similar contribution from NP4)	W4
W118	WoT	Henbury Road, near junction with High Street	Parked vehicles obstructing pavement - opposite No 20	Raising the dropped kerb could provide a (costly) solution. Short-term solution: install a line of steel demarcation studs for approx £1k	Cost for minor works approx £1k	W3
W119	WoT	Falcondale Road junction with Greystoke Avenue	Introduce a pedestrian crossing, across Falcondale Road	Feasibility study required. A cheaper (£15-20k) option could be to incorporate a central refuge island, without a formal crossing.	Feasibility Study approx £2k	

XXX = combined with other schemes

Communication Working Group notes
Monday 14th May 2012

16 (ii)

Present: Alan Aburrow, Simon Tomlinson, David Mayer, Joyce Fey, Andrew McGrath

Send Well Being logo to current recipients. **Action:** Andrew

The recent web training session didn't go as intended. The trainer didn't seem to be expecting the reps. The reps have made some progress, nevertheless. The website is being populated, but additional help will be needed. **Action:** Andrew to organise. Specific questions/queries should be gathered and forwarded to KWMC prior to the next session. **Action:** All to provide Andrew with questions

Andrew to send out the latest Calendar. **Action:** Andrew

Action: Andrew to get paper to all reps who need it. Take to WoT Forum. **Afternote:** No paper available for WoT Forum. Andrew now to provide paper at the NP

Andrew to speak to Andy Fraser to book 4 editions of Bristol 9 for ads. **Action:** Andrew

Bristol 9 doesn't cover Westbury Park. We need to think how we can cover this area. The Westbury Park Community Association has a large email database. We can ask them to forward the ads. **Action:** Andrew and Farhan

Agreed that **all** reps should try and do 2 visits per year to groups in their wards, to promote the NP, accompanied by Farhan or Andrew. A standard presentation to be developed. **Action:** All Comms Group members. Discuss at the NP pre-meeting

Meeting ends

Environmental Working Group notes – Tuesday 15th May 2012

1 Canford Park membership fees. The new group will be asked to pay a small fee to join this group

2) Grass verges. Gary to ask Jamie Roberts to look into getting this issue sorted a.s.a.p.

3) Phoenix Lane notice board. The man who attended the previous evening's meeting also attend this meeting with regards to getting a new notice board. A brief discussion was held regarding the Well Being Fund being able to fund the money needed to supply a new board (approximately £700). This is something that can certainly be applied to for this.

4) White lines for stoke lodge to aid the parking issue? Gary to see if this can be part of the developments relating to the new (proposed) play area

5) Alan asked about knotweed and the law regarding its growth in people's private gardens. Gary to report back on the legal position

6) Street furniture and Canford lane. There was an issue relating to various bits of furniture (bike racks etc). This has been sorted. Bike rack removed.

7) Stoke lodge wall and use of apprentices to repair it. This needs to be carried forward as nothing has been agreed yet.

Date of next meeting: 2.00pm, Thursday 6th September 2012



Working Group for Older People (WGOP)
Notes on meeting 23rd May 2012

16 (iv)

Present: Sue Boyd (Chair), Gay Huggins (Treasurer), Wendy Hull (SB Ward Rep) & Cllr Glenise Morgan.

Apologies: Val Bishop, Dennis Brown.

Notes from 25th April: Agreed.

Matters Arising: There had been good feedback again from the last trip to Tea with the Lady Mayoress and they enjoyed the tour. Gay was concerned about the lady from Stow House, Shirehampton, who had asked to be included in future trips, as this was outside our area. It was agreed that a letter would be drafted and sent with trip details to people outside our Wards to say that priority had to be given to our Wards, but if there was space we would include them. Gay and Sue would liaise on this.

Treasurer's Report: Gay had circulated the balance following the trip, and the Quartet money had been banked, so there was now £1,361.89 in our account. She was still awaiting a bill from Glenise's daughter for the last batch of cakes, but had taken account of this in the balance sheet.

Next planned trip: Tuesday 10th July – Weston Super Mare. The posters were available and were circulated for distribution. Wendy and Gay would liaise over the application form. The menu was agreed and Gay had obtained a vegetarian option. Farhan would be asked to print when finalised. The closing date was the 30th June. We then went through the list of distribution outlets, amending accordingly, and we should try and get this done for free in shops. (There is approximately 370 photocopies for NP3 left at Mailboxes).

The proposed timetable for the day is as follows:-

Pick up with DAR buses from 9.30am. Arrive at WSM at 11am or just after. Parking arranged in the Winter Gardens carpark. They are then free to have coffee in the Winter Gardens, shop in the Sovereign Centre, or wander along the promenade. Return to the Winter Gardens for lunch at 12.45pm and then free afterwards to wander, or enjoy a tea dance which is taking place in the ballroom, until 3.30pm when we get back on the buses for the return journey.

We should aim to have at least one of us on each bus, and a car may be needed to take the others down to WSM.

Future Trips: Nothing further was finalised, but it was felt that another trip in about October/November would be welcomed. Discussion took place as to the Trickster Show but this would need months of planning so should be organised for next year. We should meet in September to plan 2013.

Celebrating Age Festival: We felt it was too late to support this, and there does not appear to be much publicity around about it, but if a NP table was on offer on the 23rd June at the Colston Hall, Glenise said she might organise. Gay was available to help but only in the morning.

Voscur: Sue had heard from Voscur who had renewed our membership for free, and who have interesting courses which we will look at later in the year. We are all too busy at the moment.

Any other Business: Glenise produced posters of other activities available to older people, including LinkAge Tai Chi classes for over 55's, at Studland Court, Henleaze Road, and Tea Dancing at the Zoo for over 60s, on the 21st June. Gay offered to put on the SB notice board and Sue on WOT noticeboard.

Glenise also mentioned the www.wellaware.org website which lists things going on in N.P's. Glenise wo;; liaise with Kay Russell to see if we can get all our NP3 activities listed.

Gay would contact Jeanne Creed again as she had not received any information about DAR trips.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th July at 12 noon at Waterford Meeting Room, United Reform Church, Waterford Road, Henleazz.