

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym  
Neighbourhood Partnership  
4 March 2013**

**Report from the Transport Working Group**

**1. Introduction**

The Working Group's last quarterly Meeting was held on 15 January at the Westbury-on-Trym Academy. Ward Reps from all 3 Wards were present, together with approximately 10 local residents and 2 Council Officers.

Notes of the Meeting have been circulated to all attendees and can also be viewed on the NP's website ([www.activenp.co.uk](http://www.activenp.co.uk)).

**2. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)**

Protests have continued across the Partnership concerning the new GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. The topic was debated at the Full Council on 15 January, when Council was asked to consider a Petition (sponsored by Geoff Gollop), which had collected more than 3,500 signatures. The Petition highlighted, inter alia, that *"there is a real and obvious need to scrap or redesign this particular route"*. The outcome was that Council referred the matter to the Mayor.

However, the main strategy advocated by the Working Group – that the bus lane should be removed completely – has not yet been adopted. Although, a short (120 metre) stretch of the bus lane has been removed, the remainder - "Kent's Folly" - appears to be retained as a "face-saver" for the Council and serves no practical purpose.

**3. City-wide 20mph Speed Limit.**

A city-wide consultation has begun into the Council's proposals for its phased rollout of a 20mph blanket speed limit across the city. If supported, it would cover most local roads (other than those with a current speed limit over 30mph, or dual carriageways). The proposals are summarised at <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/20-mph-rollout> The consultation process for Phase 1, "Centre and Inner North", has been completed and included part of Westbury Park. Our Neighbourhood Partnership (NP3) will be included in Phase 3, "Inner Ring North", where consultation is due to commence in March.

The Working Group are of the opinion that the Report made available online was biased in favour of the Council's blanket proposals, with not enough thought being given to retaining 30mph limits on "through routes", whatever way such routes are defined.

Feedback, from the consultation process adopted for Phase 1, is that involvement of the affected NPs has been poor (if not non-existent) and the “consultation” was a sham, in that virtually none of the current 30mph roads were classified as “through routes” and thereby not exempt from the proposed blanket 20mph limit (see map, Appendix 1).

#### **4. BCC’s Local Sustainable Transport (LST) Grants.**

Bids for the next round of LST Grants (Round 2) have to be submitted by the end of March. Bids are open to all Community Groups etc and full details plus an Application Form can be found on the Council’s website: [www.bristol.gov.uk/page/communities-grant](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/communities-grant) At the last Transport Working Group Meeting, it was agreed that a revised bid would be submitted for the provision of a Zebra Crossing on Southmead Road (Highway Issue W117), under the banner of “Safer Walks to School”. The previous bid, under Round 1, had been unsuccessful. The revised Application is currently being progressed, with additional input from Horfield Primary School.

#### **5. Minor Traffic Schemes**

At the time of writing, there has been no progress towards completing any of the 10 minor traffic schemes that were sanctioned by the NP last June, for completion this financial year:

**H114 (Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose):** BCC’s Traffic Management Team will draw up some layout proposals for this area, at a cost of £2k. However, implementation of any improvements would cost an additional (as yet unfunded) £25k.

**H115 (Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco):** Similar problem to H114 and a review of the current layout will be undertaken for £2k.

**H117 (Henleaze Road/Northumbria Drive mini roundabout):** A design study (and consultation) will be undertaken at a cost of £4K. However, implementation of any improvements would cost an additional £25k.

**H118 (Park Grove):** A design study and subsequent local consultation for pavement build-outs near the Henleaze Infant and Junior Schools will be undertaken at a cost of £3.5k. Capital Works to be funded from a recent LST Grant.

**S106 (Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road):** Additional parking restrictions, as well as passing places in Circular Road, at a cost of £3K for consultation and subsequent TRO. This will also include a review and implementation of parking restrictions in Cook’s Folly Road (S111) and Seawalls Road (S106).

**S114 (Stoke Road/Saville Road):** Additional parking restrictions on Stoke Road, approaching the traffic lights and double yellow lines opposite the junction with Ladies Mile, at a cost of £2.5K for a TRO.

**W109 (Eastfield Road):** A design study and consultation for footway improvements at the top of Waters Lane for £3k. However, implementation of any improvements would cost an additional (as yet unfunded) £7k.

**W112 (Stoke Lane Parking Review):** A parking review and consultation for £4k would include the whole length of Stoke Lane (from Falcondale Road to Parry's Lane) and include some side roads. Capital Works to be funded from a recent LST Grant.

**W117 (Southmead Road):** Feasibility study for a Zebra Crossing near Alexandra Road at a cost of £1K, with a matching contribution of £1K from NP4. However, implementation of any improvements would cost an additional (as yet unfunded) £20k.

**W118 (Henbury Road, pavement parking opposite No 20):** Steel demarcation studs, to indicate the exact position of the pavement boundary as an aid to parking enforcement, will be installed for £1k.

To address this problem, exacerbated by the current lack of Highway Officers, a moratorium has been proposed on any new devolved schemes for 2013/14, in order to clear the current City-wide backlog.

Completion of schemes for Parking Restrictions sanctioned the previous year (2011/12) has stalled during the formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process. This includes TROs in Westbury Park, Shirehampton Road, Sea Mills Lane, Stoke Hill/Old Sneed Ave, Stoke Paddock Road and Avon Way. All schemes will now be delivered towards the end of 2013.

## 6. Highway Maintenance Issues

Three Footway Refurbishment schemes were sanctioned at last February's NP, for completion in 2012/13. These were, **Stoke Grove**, **Springfield Grove** and **Glen Drive**. The latter had to be postponed due to impending flood alleviation works in the area and, at the December NP, it was agreed that work in **Eastfield** would be substituted (within the current 2012/13 devolved budget) and should be completed by the end of March.

At the time of writing, prioritised proposals for the devolved 2013/14 Footway Refurbishment budget are not yet available and will be presented to the next NP in June.

## 7. Recommendations

The Neighbourhood Partnership is requested to:

1. **Note** the on-going concerns regarding traffic problems resulting from the GBBN's Bus Lane on the approach to the White Tree roundabout which are likely to persist until the Bus Lane is removed (Item 2).
2. **Note** concerns regarding the proposed rollout of a blanket 20mph speed limit across the city, in particular on major "through routes" and the lack of public consultation so far (Item3).
3. **Note** the lack of progress with the 10 minor traffic schemes, previously sanctioned by the NP, for implementation in 2012/13 (Item 5).

Alan Aburrow,  
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### Proposed 20 mph - Phase 1

Roads remaining as:

- 40mph, 50mph or dual-carriageway
- 30mph

