

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym  
Neighbourhood Partnership  
26 September 2013**

**Report from the Transport Working Group**

**1. Introduction**

The Working Group's last quarterly Meeting was held at Westbury-on-Trym Academy in July. Notes of the Meeting have been circulated to all attendees and can be viewed on the NP's website ([www.activenp.co.uk](http://www.activenp.co.uk)).

The Meeting included the Group's AGM, where an NP Rep from each Ward was elected to represent their Ward for the next 12 months. It was agreed that Alan Aburrow (WoT), Alan Preece (SB) and Simon Tomlinson (Hen) would represent their respective Wards.

Alan Aburrow indicated that he was prepared to continue as Chairman and, as there were no other nominations, this was unanimously agreed.

As this was the Group's AGM, the Group's Terms of Reference were revisited and, after discussion, the only change necessary was to the generic title for the BCC Officer attending the WG Meetings. This should be amended to "Representative from BCC's Highways and Traffic Team". Therefore, the revised Terms of Reference are appended (as Attachment 1), for formal approval by the NP.

**2. City-wide 20mph Rollout Scheme**

All three of the Partnership's last Neighbourhood Forums, held in May, were in near-unanimous agreement that all existing 'A' and 'B' arterial roads should retain their current 30mph status. The Stoke Bishop Forum also highlighted several other roads which they thought should be retained at 30mph (including Stoke Road and Stoke Hill). The 20mph Rollout Team have agreed to take due cognisance of these views when compiling their formal proposals. No feedback on any proposals has yet been received but the 20mph Rollout Team is due to report back to the Partnership's September Meeting and the October Forum Meetings.

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

The debate has continued as to the efficacy of the new GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. The topic was debated at the Full Council Meeting last January, when Council was asked to consider a Petition (sponsored by Cllr 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 and, to date, the Mayor has yet to pronounce on this issue.

As a consequence of the Mayor’s indecision, the main strategy advocated by many local residents and the Working Group – that the remnant section of the bus lane should be removed completely – has not yet been addressed.

To all intents and purposes, the GBBN project was completed when the capital works were finished several months ago and for any on-going issues, such as the Westbury Road bus lane, there is a budget for any amendments that may be required. Any changes will be the responsibility of the Highways Area Manager, in association with the Passenger Transport Group - as they are the budget holders.

With specific regard to the Westbury Road situation, a review of the operation of the bus lane will be undertaken this autumn and no decision is likely to be reached on its future without the information that this review and traffic surveys will provide. An independent post-Scheme Safety Audit was undertaken last year, for the whole A4018 corridor, and remedial action was carried out where necessary.

#### **4. New Bus Stops on Southmead Road**

The Council’s Passenger Transport Team has recently announced that it intends to introduce “improvements” to both the east and west-bound bus stops near Lake Road. The downside of these proposals is that both bus laybys will be removed and replaced by bus stop build-outs in each inside lane of this short section of dual carriageway.

The consensus opinion of near-neighbours is that there are no problems with the existing bus stops’ configuration and, therefore, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”. The two existing laybys and bus shelters have been in place “for years” and are, therefore, demonstrably “fit for purpose”. There is a great danger that these proposals will only serve to perpetuate the urban myth that Bristol is “anti-car” by the introduction of yet another ill-conceived traffic management scheme.

Comments and observations from the Working Group were formally submitted to The Passenger Transport Team by their consultation deadline of 16 August. An initial response has indicated that work at these two locations will be postponed until a full review of all the options has been undertaken.

## 5. Bus Lane on Parry's Lane

Bristol University is working with BCC's Transport Services to establish if a proposed bus lane will be necessary to support the new Transport Hub within the current Hyatt Baker redevelopment. Yellow Box markings could be introduced on Parry's Lane to ensure free movement of buses exiting the site. Parking restrictions will be introduced in Shaplands and surrounding local roads.

## 6. Minor Traffic Schemes

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. Currently, there is a moratorium on accepting any new Minor Traffic Schemes before April 2014 but the Highways and Traffic Team has confirmed that their target is to complete all previously-sanctioned schemes within the current Financial Year. Current schemes are detailed below, some of which would be out-sourced to Halcrow Consultants (HC):

1. **Additional parking restrictions in the Westbury Park area (H105)** - will be completed shortly
2. **Additional parking restrictions in the Stoke Bishop area (S101, S103, S107, S109, S115 & S116)** – contracts for yellow lines and associated signage have been let and work should be completed shortly
3. **Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose car park (H114)** – on hold pending a review of car park redesign proposals from Waitrose
4. **Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco (H115)** - review of parking restrictions passed to HC
5. **Junction of Northumbria Drive and Henleaze Road (H117)** - review of current road layout passed to HC
6. **Park Grove, pavement build-outs near schools (H118)** - outline scheme to be progressed by HC, following recent LST funding award
7. **West Broadway and South Croft (H123)** – consultation into possible traffic-calming measures could be progressed by HC (currently awaiting a decision by BCC)
8. **Pedestrian Crossing on Coldharbour Road (H125)** to be progressed by HC, following recent LST funding award
9. **Additional parking restrictions around the Downs area (S106, S111, S113 & S114)** – outline proposals to be progressed by HC. The Downs Committee's Traffic Subgroup is in agreement with the NP's current indicative proposals
10. **Eastfield Road, at top of Waters Lane (W109)** - a preliminary redesign of the junction layout has been completed by the Council's Highway Engineers and a Report with proposals will be presented to the NP for consideration

11. **Stoke Lane parking review** (W112) – review has started and will include sections of other roads in the area (eg Abbey Road, Briarwood, Great Brockridge, Abbey Gate and Lampeter Road). The review and proposals will be published as part of the public consultation phase, prior to any implementation
12. **Chock Lane traffic-calming** (W114) – following a recent £5k LST funding award, a review of all practical options is currently being undertaken by the Council's Highway Engineers. A Report, with proposals, will be presented to the NP for consideration
13. **Pedestrian Crossing on Southmead Road** (W117) - to be progressed by HC, following recent LST funding award
14. **Henbury Road** (W118) – in order to emphasise the rear boundary of the pavement, a line of marker studs will be installed to indicate that this is a section of footway (in progress)

## **7. Footway Resurfacing (Current Financial Year)**

At their July Meeting, the Working Group was presented with a prioritised list of footway resurfacing work identified by BCC for this current Financial Year (Attachment 2). However, the cost of executing all the 19 identified schemes (£477k) far exceeds the NP's 2013/14 devolved budget of £43.5k. It was subsequently confirmed that the cost for each scheme was based on the lowest-cost option (ie using tarmac where possible, rather than paving slabs).

From the 17 identified schemes, it was agreed that resurfacing Priory Avenue (£16k), Glen Drive (£18k), Montroy Close (£4k) and Grange Park (but only part, to the value of the balance of the NP's budget, ie £5.5k - not the full £10k) should be taken forward to the NP for endorsement. This would give a reasonably equitable spread of the very limited budget over the 3 Wards and give priority to Glen Drive, which was approved last year but subsequently cancelled due to major road works in the area.

## **8. South Gloucestershire Development Around Filton Airfield**

Land adjacent to Bristol's northern boundary - lying to the north of the railway line to the north of Henbury and Southmead - is currently being considered by South Gloucestershire Council for building approximately 5,500 new homes. This is the area around Cribbs Causeway and Patchway – including the former Filton Airfield.

The consequences of such a major development in South Gloucestershire will have a severe impact on the infrastructure of Henbury, Southmead and Westbury-on-Trym, particularly the existing trunk road system - unless managed very carefully by Bristol City Council.

The spectre of this development was first highlighted at the September 2011 Neighbourhood Partnership, where the Minutes, under Item 9, record “that the potential impact on roads in north Bristol resulting from proposals by South Gloucester Council to redevelop the Filton airfield site and its environs be noted.” Since then, South Gloucestershire Council has set up a cross-border Group to discuss all relevant issues with Bristol City Council and this has received all-party support from both Councils.

However, the matter of a major road access into the proposed site, via Charlton Road and Charlton Common, is giving considerable cause for concern. As a consequence, a Petition is currently open on the City Council’s website seeking support for a Weight Restriction on the section of Charlton Road that is within the City’s Southmead Ward:

[http://epetition.bristol.public-tv/epetition\\_core/view/stopheavylorriestoFiltonAirfield](http://epetition.bristol.public-tv/epetition_core/view/stopheavylorriestoFiltonAirfield)

## 9. Recommendations

The Neighbourhood Partnership is requested to:

1. **Approve** the Transport Working Group’s revised Terms of Reference, following their review at the Group’s recent AGM (Item 1, above).
2. **Approve** the Working Group’s proposals for footway resurfacing work in 2013/14, from the NP’s very limited budget of £43.5k (Item 7, above).
3. **Note** the lack of progress with removing the remaining section of bus lane on the approach to the White Tree roundabout, or the completion of any traffic surveys to justify its retention (Item 3, above).
4. **Note** that the proposals for removing the two bus stop laybys on Southmead Road, near Lake Road, are currently “on hold”, pending a review (Item 4, above).
5. **Note** that BCC’s Transport Services are currently in discussions with Bristol University to establish if a proposed bus lane on Parry’s Lane will be necessary in order to support a new Transport Hub within the current Hyatt Baker redevelopment (Item 5, above).
6. **Note** the current progress with minor traffic schemes, previously sanctioned by the NP (Item 6, above).
7. **Note** that plans currently proposed by South Gloucestershire Council, for approximately 5,500 new homes on their “New Neighbourhood” development at and around Filton Airfield, will have a severe impact on the infrastructure of Henbury, Southmead and Westbury-on-Trym - particularly the existing trunk road system (Item 8, above).

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Chairman, Transport Working Group  
(6 September 2013)



### Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Partnership

#### Transport Working Group - Terms of Reference (September 2013)

##### **Aims:**

- To research, review, monitor and report on transport and related issues in the 3 Wards of Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym, ensuring that the views of residents from the area are considered.
- To work with Bristol City Council Traffic Management and other relevant statutory service providers to make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Partnership regarding devolved budgets.
- To influence additional transport related issues as agreed by the Neighbourhood Partnership and negotiate relevant activity from citywide and other budgets.

##### **Powers:**

- To design and carry out consultation activity.
- Report findings back to the Neighbourhood Partnership who will discuss options – final decisions will be taken by the elected councillors for each Ward at the Committee element of the NP meeting.
- Gather information from residents, using forums, public events and meetings, and by other forms of public consultation, as deemed appropriate.
- Work with Council Officers.
- To revisit the Terms of Reference every 12 months - which will be agreed by the NP Board.

##### **Membership:**

- One chair, who is a Neighbourhood Partnership Elected Representative, to be elected annually by the Working Group and who will lead the Group, chair the meetings and liaise with BCC staff.
- One of the elected NP Ward Representatives from each ward to represent and lead the work of each Ward – to be elected annually.
- The Group must include one NP Elected Representative from each Ward to be quorate.
- Interested residents from each Ward to carry out surveys, take part in walkabouts etc.
- A Representative from BCC's Highways and Traffic Team
- The Police point of contact will be Insp Mark Runacres, who can be e-mailed regarding relevant issues.
- All members may be offered training as appropriate.

##### **Meetings:**

- To meet quarterly to plan and discuss areas of work – to ensure wider participation by meeting on different nights of the week throughout the year.
- Additional meetings may be called on a needs basis.

Appendix 3 - Condition Survey Assessment form for Footways

Site	Ward	COST	SECTION 1 - CONDITION	SECTION 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL	SECTION 3 - PEDESTRIAN USE	SECTION 4 - PUBLIC / ACCIDENTS	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Priory Avenue	Henleaze & W-o-T	£16,000	55	0	25	10	90	
Hill View	Henleaze	£53,000	60	0	15	10	85	gas works due comp 16 sept
The Crescent & Montroy Close	Henleaze	£38,000	65	0	10	10	85	Gas works due comp 20 Dec
The Crescent only	Henleaze	£34,000	65	0	10	10	85	
Montroy Close only	Henleaze	£4,000	65	0	5	10	80	Gas works due comp 1 Nov.
Kellaway Avenue (49- Lansdown Terrace)	Henleaze	£22,000	50	0	30	0	80	
Lakewood Road	Westbury-on-Trym	£35,000	60	0	10	10	80	
Glen Drive	Stoke Bishop	£18,000	50	0	10	10	70	
Grange Park	Henleaze	£10,000	50	0	10	10	70	
Westover Road & Rise	Westbury-on-Trym	£38,000	50	0	10	10	70	
Southmead Road & Henleaze Road (Well Hill West – Pycroft)	Henleaze	£19,000	40	0	25	0	65	
Great Brickenidge (Reedley Road – Downs Road)	Westbury-on-Trym	£20,000	50	0	10	0	60	
Canford Lane (North side)	Westbury-on-Trym	£40,000	40	0	20	0	60	
Canford Lane (South side)	Westbury-on-Trym	£38,000	40	0	20	0	60	
Old Sneed Avenue	Stoke Bishop	£37,000	40	0	20	0	60	
Sabrina Way	Stoke Bishop	£26,000	50	0	10	0	60	
Farne Close	Henleaze	£12,000	40	0	10	10	60	
Abbey Road	Westbury-on-Trym	£30,000	30	0	15	10	55	
Northover Road	Westbury-on-Trym	£25,000	35	0	15	0	50	