



## MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Report of:** Andrew McGrath – Communities & Neighbourhoods

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**RECOMMENDATIONS. The NP is asked:**

1. To note the dates of the next forums and to note the brief notes from the last round of Forums
2. To note the latest meeting schedule and agree or amend the provisional dates of Forum and NP meetings in 2014/15
3. To note the proposed location of an art installation on the Downs over the summer, and a more permanent barbeque site at the same location, and to either express agreement on this location or recommend an alternative location
4. To note the latest update on the NP review and service re-organisation, including proposals regarding NP influence over Parks maintenance
5. To note the statement regarding modeling of 20mph rollout
6. To note the updates on this NP's devolved budgets and to agree the proposal that the Governance Working Group develop a protocol for the expenditure of CIL money

### 1. Forum Updates

Brief notes from the recent forums are below. For detailed notes on these and previous Forums, please follow the web link below.

Next scheduled Forum dates are as follows:

**Henleaze – 7pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Henleaze Library**

**Westbury-on-Trym – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Methodist Hall (tbc)**

**Stoke Bishop – 7pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 - Stoke Bishop Primary School**

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

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

# **Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Forum.**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**

**Councillors:** Cllr Geoff Gollop & Cllr Alastair Watson

**WoT Ward Reps:** Alan Aburrow (Meeting Chairman) David Mayer

**BCC Officers:** Mohamed Ismail, Andrew McGrath, Gary Brentnall

**Avon & Somerset Police:** PC Shaun Brean, PCSO Paula Perry

Plus 39 members of the public

**Apologies:** Sue Boyd

**Welcome.** No need to hold an election count because there were two applications for the two vacant Ward Representative roles and therefore Alan Aburrow and Sue Boyd were duly returned

**Flood Risk Management Strategy.** Encouraged everyone to submit their comments on the current Public Consultation to BCC via the link on the NP3 website: [www.activenp.co.uk/2014/03/local-flood-risk-management-strategy-consultation/](http://www.activenp.co.uk/2014/03/local-flood-risk-management-strategy-consultation/) The closing date for comments on the consultation is 10 June 2014.

## **Updates:**

The meeting was updated on the on-going 'pavement grabbing' issue on Westbury Road. The residents concerned have submitted an application, under S247 of the Town and Country Planning Act, to stop-up part of the highway and a decision is currently awaited. This still needs to be fully resolved.

**South Gloucestershire development.** Alastair Watson confirmed that it is inevitable that the plan by South Gloucestershire Council to build 6,000 new houses on the Airfield and Cribbs Causeway will cause a whole range of problems for the residents in North Bristol. Alastair also confirmed that all the benefit funding from the development accruing from (a) Section 106, (b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and (c) the New Homes fund, totalling many millions of pounds, will be paid to South Gloucestershire and none will be paid directly to Bristol City Council because the development is wholly sited within South Gloucestershire. He went on to confirm that several groups within BCC, including officers and Councillors, are trying to persuade their opposite numbers within South Gloucestershire that they had an obligation to fund the mitigation works resulting from their developments. BCC has produced a comprehensive response (available on the BCC website) to the "Strategic Planning Document" (SPD) produced by South Gloucestershire. Additionally, BCC's Sustainable Development and Transport Scrutiny Commission have produced a list of priorities for the Mayor and the Cabinet

**Toilet in Canford Park.** Funding confirmed and design finalised. Work to begin as soon as team is available.

**Canford Lane speeding.** This is under review but recent community speed checks have failed to confirm excessive speed. (Daylight survey). A resident asked if a cycle lane could be incorporated in a future layout because they felt obliged to use the pavement as a cycle lane. This was felt to be unlikely during discussions, due to lack of available space. Additionally, use of the pavement as a cycle lane was not universally popular with residents in attendance.

**Promoting Westbury on Trym.** Sue Boyd currently unwell. The meeting wished her a full recovery and a collection was made for some flowers. Donations are needed for the WIB. Envelopes will go out shortly.

**W-o-T Business Association.** Business Association planning to have two community events this year (a) 31st July – Summer fair and (b) 13th December – Christmas fair. Look out for details in the future. Also confirmed that the report based on the “Town Team Village Survey” had been received recently and that the Committee were considering the findings.

**Village Plan/Community Plan.** A draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Boundary Review has been compiled by officers in City Design Group, in consultation with the Westbury-on-Trym Society. All feedback and comments on the document’s proposed extension to the Westbury Conservation Area are welcomed and should be submitted to BCC’s Urban Design and Conservation Team. The closing date for comment is 30 April 2014. In May, WotSoc will be conducting further character assessments across the Ward, to support the Community Plan, with the help of volunteers. All are welcome to help and further details will be available at [www.westburyontrysociety.org.uk](http://www.westburyontrysociety.org.uk)

**Planning issues.** Issues discussed include: 35 Passage Road (permission granted); Land to the east of Wesley College; Wessex Water control Kiosks; Canford Park Tennis Courts lighting (see Environment Working Group notes for details).

**Police update.** PC Shaun Brean.

- i. **Theft of Motor Vehicles**, 1 this period, was 1 in the last period
- ii. **Theft from Motor Vehicles**, 27 this period, was 30 in the last period. This remains high because owners are not locking their vehicles on their driveways and continue to leave valuables on display
- iii. **Burglaries from Dwellings**, 10 this period, was 6 in the last period
- iv. **Commercial Burglaries**, 1 this period, was 3 in the last period
- v. **Shed Breaks**, 4 in this period, was 22 in the last period
- vi. **Distraction Burglaries**, zero in this period and zero in the last period
- vii. **Robberies**, zero in the period
- viii. **Shoplifting**, 31 in this period, 29 in the last period
- x. **Anti Social Behaviour**, there has been an increase of low level ASB matters and reported incidents. Extra patrols will be put in place in Canford Park to deal with

the expected increase of people using the Park during the lighter evenings and weekends.

**xi. Drug Warrants,** A class “A” warrant was conducted during the period in Westbury, where two residents were arrested on suspicion of “Possession with Intent to Supply”. 25 wraps of class A were retrieved and both suspects are currently on bail.

**xii. Community Speed Watch** No update but this matter is now being managed by PCSO Claire Fisher based in Stoke Bishop.

**Shopwatch** is very active in the area to deal with shoplifters

**Parking compliance** is being actioned. This included outside schools, supported by the schools identifying car registration numbers for naming and shaming. This has resulted in PCSOs visiting offenders at their home.

**Beat surgeries** to promote the immobiliser system to protect valuables are being held at (a) the Co-op in Canford Lane on 10th April 2014 and (b) the Co-op in Stoke Lane on 30th May 2014

## **Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Forum**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

**Councillors** Peter Abraham

**Ward Representatives:** Alan Preece (Chairman), Gay Huggins, Wendy Hull  
Stephanie French (Tree Champion)

**Officers:** Andrew McGrath, Mohamed Ismail

**Police:** PC Shaun Brean, PCSO Claire Fisher

**Apologies:** John Goulandris, Mark Baker, Gerry Arnold

Approximately 30 members of the public

### **Local Developments & Projects:**

#### **Updates:**

Wendy Hull and Mark Baker have re-stood as NP reps. As there are no other candidates, they will be formally adopted at the NP in June.

Despite concerns that the Stoke Lodge playground was not going to be built until after the summer holidays, it is now back on track due to the efforts of officers to put over the concerns of the reps and councillors.

Town & Village Green (TVG). Anxieties raised by Cotham school about dog fouling and “attacks” need to be proved by them. PCSO Claire Fisher said no reports of any attacks had been reported over the last six years and Cotham had refused to meet her to discuss the issue. They had also been invited to a meeting of the SLPWG but had failed to attend.

20mph. Coombe Lane has been added to the list of roads to be reduced to 20mph. The final consultation is due to go out to residents any time now.

## **Planning.**

Roger Gamlin, Co-convenor, Stoke Bishop Residents' Planning Group : –

1. The Hiatt Baker site – They were behind but are now back on schedule and the accommodation for the additional 332 students should be ready for September. The University were working with the Council on improving access onto Parrys Lane, but the Council had turned down an island with bollards near the entrance. Improved cycle lane, restricted road width, improved signage and better road markings were all being considered. The Shaplands residents and the University have agreed yellow lining which is now with the Council's Planning Department, and hopefully will be completed in about six months. It was felt the University wanted the least amount of land to be used for the buses, and SF felt we should be very aware that the University could apply for more development in the future on this site.
2. Dairy Crest site – Work has now started on site. The lane is at present closed for six months but it will re-open.

**Trees.** Tree Issues – Stephanie French had produced a report and had also written an additional report following a meeting of the Tree Forum, as attached.. She outlined the situation and asked the NP for approval to ensure the University is not given permission to plant trees away from the affected sites. This was agreed unanimously.

**Police/PCSO Feedback** - PC Sean Brean reported that there had been 12 thefts from motor vehicles, though it was suspected that there were more that had not been reported. He was happy to advise us that one lad had been arrested for 50 offences, and two others for similar offences. There had been 4 burglaries on dwellings in Bell Barn Road, Rockleaze, Druid Hill and Glenavon Park. There had been 6 non-dwelling burglaries, mainly sheds, in Coombe Bridge Avenue, Avon Way, Church Road, Druid Hill and Parrys Lane. Offenders were using the local lanes to make their escape. He warned us of a device which was available to buy online for about £10 which could block the locking device on a car if they are close enough. Please ensure your car is locked, and report any thefts to ensure police figures are accurate.

PCSO Claire Fisher reported on speedwatch which had been carried out on the Portway, Old Sneed Avenue and Charlton Road. The mobile vans have also been in the area. No one had been arrested for the robbery in Sea Mills and they are waiting for forensic evidence. Residents advised to be aware of fraud, particularly from telephone callers who sound very believable. Try to get the number or go to the actionfraud website: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> . Door to door traders are still around.

## **Community actions & priorities –**

Problems were still occurring from cyclists on the Downs and PA suggested we

invite the new Downs Ranger (when appointed) to an Open Forum. Gay Huggins suggested dividing the wide pavement across the Downs by lineage for cyclists one side and pedestrians the other. This could be raised with the Ranger.

The proposed bridge over Bridge Valley Road had been given approval by the Downs Committee.

The Transport WG were now restricted to one scheme per year so they would try to amalgamate various schemes. Officers' time was being taken up by Government Funded schemes, and the NPs were at the bottom of the pile

You said, we did – PA had taken up the matter of the bullion van parking on the pavement (raised at the last Open Forum by M Huggins), and he was now taking it up with the banking ombudsman. It has become a complete farce but he is continuing to pursue the matter.

Jenny Hodges mentioned parking on pavements was still a problem, particularly for those with disabilities, and was worse in WOT. The police do not take action unless the vehicle is preventing access to pushchairs.

Tony Hoare raised the matter of parked cars being sold from streets. Gay Huggins was able to elaborate on this problem which was being caused by a company called Hazelwood Cars, trading from Towerleaze, Sneyd Park, and letters were being written by S.P.R.A. to Planning, Trading Standards and Highways, to try and stop this business. A copy of this letter was given to the police to follow up.

## **Henleaze Forum 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**Councillors:** Glenise Morgan, Clare Campion-Smith

**NP Reps:** Simon Tomlinson, Val Bishop, Helen Furber

**Officers:** Gary Brentall, Mohamed Ismail, Andrew McGrath

**Police:** PC Sean Green, Toby Rideout

25 members of the public

The meeting was informed that there is no need for an election as the number of candidates did not exceed the number of places. On this basis, Helen Furber is elected as a Henleaze Rep and Val Bishop and Simon Tomlinson are re-elected.

**Police update.** High number of Thefts From Motor Vehicles. This is because people don't lock their vehicles. One person recently arrested had committed 50 offences. 3 arrested in total for this crime.

12 burglaries in the last quarter. This is a reduction on same time last year. This figure includes pubs, schools, and shops.

12 shed breaks. Mainly looking for bikes.

There have been no repeated ASB issues and we have a plan for over the holidays to deal with any issues that arise.

Shoplifting is a continuing problem, mainly caused by drug-users. 1 recent arrest led to a suspended sentence. The Co-op has £20k per year stolen.

Question: Why can't empty flats and offices be used to house homeless and drug users? Drug users need help as they are often in a 'revolving door' situation

coming out of jail and straight back to their drug lifestyles.

**Speedwatch** has recently been undertaken on Coldharbour Road.

Question: It has just been proposed that St Ursula's will become a school of 600 pupils. The traffic problems will be intense. What is going to be done about it? There will be a risk assessment and regular patrols will be mounted regarding parking. But the permission for this will be up to the planning committee of Bristol City Council.

We work with schools to deal with parking problems. We identify the worst offenders and frequently issue FPNs.

Q. Should we always assume door knockers are dodgy? No, some are licensed and respectable. But if you are in any way concerned, you must call the police and we'll check them out. They should have a peddlers licence. If they have a hawkers licence, they can take orders but not money.

Q. Big issue seller at Lloyds bank can come across as intimidating. Could someone have a word? Yes. They are licensed but obviously they are not allowed to intimidate.

Next beat surgeries are 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> May.

If you want to be warned of problems in your area, join the ringmaster network.

## **Local developments and issues**

**Bus shelters.** There is approximately £8k from S106 money to upgrade local bus shelters. Could be an upgraded shelter or could be display boards for two bus stops.

Old Quarry Park. The upgrading work started in April and is continuing. Everyone agreed that the park looks excellent.

New resident parking scheme starts in Clifton at the end of May, and in Redland possibly towards the end of June. This may have a knock-on in Henleaze.

Highways will be undertaking a traffic flow study for the new Southmead Hospital.

## **Planning updates**

**Waitrose.** New application has been submitted for the Waitrose entrance. This has always been a problem as no one is ever sure who has right of way – pedestrians or cars. It is a technical issue though as who has the right of way isn't likely to stop accidents if the markings aren't clear. If we are going to get more of the same in terms of crossing problems, Highways haven't come through with the promised solution. The retention of the stop sign is up to Waitrose as it is on their site.

**St Ursula's** intention to have a new building on site, on NE side. There will be a new access point through the current wall on Westbury Road. There will be 50 parking spaces. There will be a school travel plan. Currently 80% of pupils arrive by car. There is a traffic management plan (on view at meeting). The next stage is



a planning application will be submitted. It is likely to be a planning committee decision. The plan at present is that the current main building will become flats.  
Q. Not happy with the double yellow line proposals. Too restrictive. Clare stated that she would hope that some of the restrictions would be tidal, i.e. only enforced during term time

Q. The problem with travel plans is that they aren't always realistic. Parents often drop their children off and go on to work. So it won't matter if they are local. They'll use their cars anyway.

It has been confirmed that there are no plans to create a secondary school.

**Quarryleaze.** Churchill retirement housing have bought the site. The Henleaze Society has done a character assessment. The look of the proposed flats could be improved. There is a proposed Zebra Crossing on the Henleaze Road but this is not an accident hotspot and the crossing would need to be carefully designed. There is also no footway. This is difficult to resolve. This junction will become increasingly busy. Comments to Churchill are encouraged. No plans have been submitted yet but are imminent.

Comments: Could the development be reversed so that all site traffic comes out of Henleaze Terrace? What about parking on site? Needs to be sufficient. There are already many older people's dwellings in the area.

## **Working Groups updates**

### Highways:

- The bus lane near Whitetree roundabout is still to be reviewed
- The proposed bus lane on Parrys Lane won't now go ahead
- Formal SLO consultation from 7-29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 for the 20mph roll-out. Henleaze reduction will come in in August/September

### Older People:

- Several new groups have started since the successful festival event in July
- The last trip to Oakham treasures in December was very successful. 2 buses went. The next trip is to Woodford Lodge in May. Please talk to Val Bishop about this

### Environment:

- Play areas – Fallodon Way has been very successful since it was launched
- Old Quarry – tree removal is complete. New trees will be different species. New pathways and improved entrance will be installed. Bulb planting will also take place across the park.
- The Environment Working Group is looking to spend some of its S106 funding further improving Old Quarry
- Stephanie French, the NP's tree champion thanked the Henleaze Society for nominating streets for new street trees

**Date of next meeting:** 7.00pm, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Henleaze Library



## 2. Future meeting dates

	<b>Cycle 4 2013/14</b>	<b>Cycle 1 2014/15</b>	<b>Cycle 2 2014/15</b>	<b>Cycle 3 2014/15</b>
<b>NP</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June <b>W-o-T Primary School</b> 7.00pm	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm
<b>NP Pre meeting</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm
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Henleaze Forum	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Henleaze Library</b> 7.00pm	No forum	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Henleaze Library</b> 7.00pm	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Henleaze Library</b> 7.00pm
WoT Forum	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April <b>Venue 35</b> 7.00pm	No forum	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Methodist Hall (TBC)</b> 7.00pm	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Venue 35</b> 7.00pm
SB Forum	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Stoke Bishop Primary</b> 6.30pm	No forum	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Stoke Bishop Primary</b> 7.00pm	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February <b>Stoke Bishop Primary</b> 7.00pm
Well Being Fund	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm
Well Being closing dates	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Comms Working Group	TBC <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Venue tbc</b> 5.30pm
Transport Working Group	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Venue tbc</b> 7.00pm
Environment Working Group	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Venue tbc</b> 2.00pm	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Venue tbc</b> 2.00pm	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Venue tbc</b> 2.00pm	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Venue tbc</b> 2.00pm
Working Group for Older People	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April THURC 12.00pm			

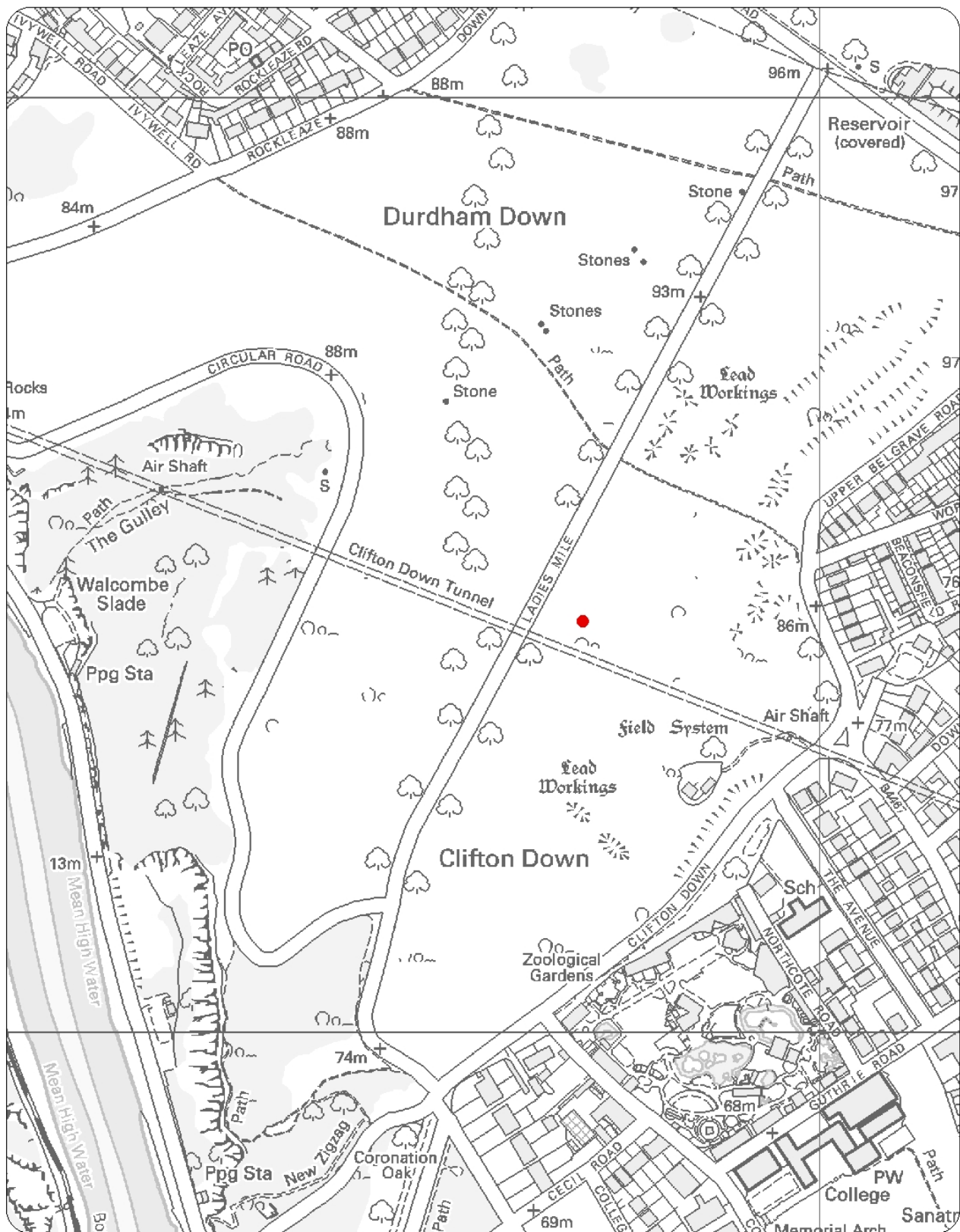
### 3. Artwork on the Downs

The Downs Committee has agreed to allow the installation of a temporary art work by the U.S artist Oscar Tuazon on the Downs this summer. The agreement to allow the installation was made at the Downs Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April (see attached appendix 1). Following this meeting, soundings were made by email to the Downs Committee members regarding the location of the installation. Based on the majority view of the Committee, the Lord Mayor and Master of Merchant Venturers have given their approval for the project to proceed to a planning application for the installation of the temporary artwork at the agreed location. The installation is part of the Arnolfini's 'The Promise' summer exhibition and will be on display from 19<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014. At the time of this meeting the artwork has not yet received formal planning approval. There are currently no pictures of the artwork available.

As stated in the report, the location has been identified due to its not being close to any residential property; its being away from the meadow areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest; and away from any areas used for sport, events or temporary parking.

Despite the location having proceeded to formal planning, Councillor Abraham has requested that the NP also express its view on the location of the artwork. The NP is therefore **requested** to **discuss** this and **express its view** on the location of the artwork.

The Downs Committee has also been requested to agree to the same location being used as a designated barbeque site in future years. The Downs Committee will make this decision at its next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July, therefore giving plenty of time for the NP to give its opinion before the decision is made. The NP is therefore **requested** to discuss if it is willing to support the suggested location of the barbeque site (in the same location as the artwork proposal) or would like to suggest an alternative location.



**Bristol City Council**  
**Horticultural Services**

**Location of proposed temporary artwork**

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## 4. Neighbourhood Partnership Review update

### Neighbourhood Management Service update

A briefing note was sent to Neighbourhood Partnerships in early May to update you on our staffing changes. As promised, more details about this are provided here.

Across the council, services are working to a three area model based on the neighbourhood working areas (north, east central, south). This is to enable better delivery of services within neighbourhoods. Some partners such as the police are also working to the same three area model.

A number of staff within the Neighbourhood Management service have elected to take voluntary severance, and this has resulted in some changes in personnel within the teams that work with Neighbourhood Partnerships. Our new structure, with details of the jobs and the people who will now be doing them, is detailed below:

Your area, north, will be managed by an **Area Neighbourhood Manager** Hayley Ash. The responsibilities of the area manager are as follows:

- Bringing together shared agendas and improving shared services across the neighbourhood area [north]
- Manage staff in the neighbourhood area and a cross-city team [business support/street scene enforcement/community development].
- Lead on one of three cross cutting citywide themes for the team:
  - Governance (including the neighbourhood partnership review) (Hayley)
  - Improving service delivery
  - Community development and active citizenship

The lead officer for your Neighbourhood Partnership is Andrew McGrath, the **Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator**. Each NP Coordinator will manage two neighbouring NPs.

The community engagement and neighbourhood priority delivery in your area will be carried out by **Neighbourhood Officers**. These officers will support the forums and other community engagement for the NP, and will also undertake community engagement, problem solving and priority delivery for your neighbourhood priorities. Some interviews still need to happen for these posts. Currently the officers allocated to your area are Gary Brentnall, Julia Pullin, plus 2 current vacancies (recruitment process pending)

The **Community Development team** has been designed as a citywide team, and will retain a clear connection with neighbourhood partnerships to deliver community development which supports NP aspirations, as well as broader community development work across the city. The work programme for this team is currently being designed, and we will share the plans for this team when they are ready.

The **Street Scene Enforcement team** has joined the neighbourhood management service and will deliver against neighbourhood priorities as well as undertaking hotspot work based on analysis of cleanliness and crime data.

### **Neighbourhood Partnership Review Update**

At your March meeting you received an update on the NP review which included a summary of the first steps which we were proposing:

- Un-ringfencing the devolved budget
- Implementing a neighbourhood services charter
- Identify and implement efficiencies for improved delivery
- Implementing a programme of citywide events

Update:

- The removal of the ring-fence for the devolved budgets (Local Traffic, Clean and Green, Wellbeing) is a Mayoral decision and a paper is being submitted to the Mayor in June. Confirmation of the decision will be provided for you verbally at your meeting or via your NP Coordinator if the decision hasn't yet been made by the date of your meeting. Removing the ring fence doesn't mean that your NP has to change the way that you currently allocate your money. However, if you would like to spend money on some different things, you may want to start talking about what you would like to change. Your NP Coordinator has some guidance available to help with this.
- We would like to invite representatives of your neighbourhood partnership to the first citywide event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in order to work with us to progress some of the above. We would be grateful if you could identify some reps from your NP to attend. Ideas of things to cover are:
  - Neighbourhood partnership plans - what is the best type of plan and how will they be used to allocate the neighbourhood (un-ringfenced) budget?
  - Neighbourhood services charter – which services would you like to work with first?
  - Improved and reduced paperwork and reporting
  - Improving communications
  - How do we show that NPs are effective and good value for money?
  - Developing a 3 year programme for citywide events

## **Parks approach to Grounds Maintenance Service – proposal for NPs**

Last year as part of the Neighbourhood Partnership review questionnaire we asked what should be decided or influenced locally in the future. 3250 responses to the survey were received. Parks and green / open spaces was the third most frequent response to this question. Additionally, in the consultation focus groups, you told us that you wanted to be able to influence the design of the services and contracts that are provided by the council.

### **Proposal from BCC's Parks department**

The council's parks department would like to adapt the council's grounds maintenance service to respond to the priorities of the Neighbourhood Partnerships.

*Definition of Grounds maintenance service: Grounds maintenance, grass cutting, litter picking, shrubs, maintenance of assets within green spaces*

Parks would like to work with NPs to influence and prioritise what is important in relation to grounds maintenance in their area.

There will be a clear budget to pay for grounds maintenance services and we will use that as a guide to assist you in sharing your views with us on priorities.

**We will reshape the service according to your priorities in each of the 14 NP areas. From this we will be looking at what are the services that we will deliver the same across the city and what may be more tailored to each NP according to priorities.**

Whilst we are working with you in the next year/18 months on this, we will also be considering how we can deliver a longer term service which delivers to your needs for the next 5-10 years. This will include considering who the best provider of the service will be.

### **What we are asking from NPs**

1. Each NP to tell us whether they want to be involved and to give their initial thoughts and comments
2. NPs to decide how they want to progress this within their NP area (e.g. through an environment subgroup, special meeting, themed forum...)

### **Budget context**

Parks has been impacted by the £500k saving it has to make from 2015/16, and also from the staff reductions as a result of the council-wide restructure. We are taking this opportunity to bring services together (e.g. caretaking, estates, parks) to achieve greater flexibility and speed of response, as well as economies of scale.

## 5. 20mph rollout

Some information on the transport modelling has been previously provided by officers, specifically with regard to Stoke Bishop. This predicted a fairly localised and limited re-routing of traffic from 20mph roads on to those that will remain at 30mph. Other modelling was undertaken by Highways but the raw data hasn't yet been translated in to interpreted data. This remains the case as the officer responsible for interpreting the information has now left the council under the voluntary redundancy process. Due to the re-organisation (and significant reduction) of the Highways team, this officer's duties are unlikely to be replaced in the short-term. Therefore, no further modelling information will be available for the time being. There will be a review of the 20mph areas after one year. No further information is likely to be made available before this review.

## 6. Devolved Services Update

Members will note that the amount of money available in the NP's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocation is steadily growing. This is likely to continue as small developments take place within the NP area. To date, the NP hasn't spent any of its CIL allocation. It also hasn't developed a process for ensuring that the NP's various working groups each has an opportunity to access CIL funding. It is **proposed** that the Governance Working Group meet up soon to develop a process that the NP can follow with regard to expenditure of CIL funds.

## Community Infrastructure Levy

### HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP & WESTBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

### CIL monies held - 30 April 2014

Monies to be spent on measures to support the development of the Neighbourhood Partnership's area, by funding:

a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

Date Received	Application	Site Address	Amount
12/08/13	13/00725	7 Church Avenue, Stoke Bishop	£2,163.00
28/08/13	12/05184	Reynolds Garage, 43 Church Rd, Westbury-on-Trym	£1,323.00
06/12/13	12/05218	2 Trymwood Parade, Stoke Bishop	£5,184.00
23/04/14	13/04155	Old Sneed Park Cottage, Mariners Drive, Sneyd Park	£2,443.35
Total			£11,113.35

**S106 update (30<sup>st</sup> April 2014)** Please see Annual Business Report



## Non-devolved S106 as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Some NP members have expressed a desire to know what other (non-devolved) S106 funds have been allocated to the NP area. The table below sets this out

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Dept with spending responsibility	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution / Comments
13/01140 / Bristol Zoo Temporary Car Park, Ladies Mile, Clifton / ...SB54	Place	Alistair Cox (Strategic Transport Service Manager)	£1,000.00	No Limit	Towards the costs of monitoring the performance of the Travel Plans, all Surveys and the use of the Park and Ride Scheme
06/04018 / 144 Falcondale Road, Westbury-on-Trym / ZCD... 492	Place	Alistair Cox (Strategic Transport Service Manager)	£2,065.16	No Limit	Car Club Contribution (see note at foot of spreadsheet)
09/05111 / Bristol Zoo Temporary Car Park, Ladies Mile, Clifton / ZCD...905	Place	Alistair Cox (Strategic Transport Service Manager)	£3,016.80	No Limit	Towards the costs of monitoring the performance of the Travel Plans, all Surveys and the use of the Park and Ride Scheme
07/01464 / 34 to 38 Fallodon Way, Henleaze / ZCD...A25	Neighbourhoods	Richard Fletcher (Parks Operations Manager)	£2,211.54	No Limit	The provision and/or improvement of citywide sports pitches

## Local Traffic Schemes

Please also see the attached report from Transport Working Group

**Clean and Green.** Each NP has been awarded £500 per ward for 2014/15. The Environment Working Group will make recommendations regarding expenditure of this funding

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

***DOWNS COMMITTEE***

***14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014***

**Report of:** Aldo Rinaldi

**Title:** Summer time Public Art Commission: Bristol Downs

**Ward:** Clifton (Downs)

**Officer Presenting Report:** Senior Public Art Officer

**Contact Telephone Number:** 0117 922 3064

**RECOMMENDATION**

We would like the committee to:

1. Approve the installation of a temporary public artwork for community summertime activities on The Downs by artist Oscar Tuazon, commissioned by Bristol City Council in partnership with Arnolfini
2. Agree a locations (or locations) for the artwork to be installed to enable Bristol City Council and Arnolfini to gain the approval of the installation by the BCC planning department so that it is in place for the summer period, to coincide with Arnolfini's major summer exhibition 'The Promise' (19 July – 9 November 2014).

**Summary**

Bristol City Council, in partnership with Arnolfini, is working with the artist Oscar Tuazon on a new public artwork. The work coincides with the exhibition 'The Promise' at Arnolfini in Summer 2014, focusing on architecture and urban planning for the society we live in and the relationship between Bristol and its residents. Due to the strong public dimension and connection to the city itself, the exhibition will take place inside and outside the Arnolfini, with art works situated in public spaces and amongst its communities.

One of the artworks in development is by Oscar Tuazon, who explored Bristol during a site-visit in November 2013. Oscar was especially fascinated by The Downs, its history and its various natural and built characteristics (landscape, water tower, observatory, etc.). Following his visit the artist proposed erecting an impressive sculpture made from cast steel and concrete that creates a site for communal activities on the downs during the Arnolfini summer exhibition. The sculpture would be both functional (used on specified dates for events organised by Arnolfini) and a built structure integrated in the land-

scape like an architectural folly or viewpoint. The structure would be used for events organised by Arnolfini that invite local communities for food and social activities. The structure would be secured against unauthorised use beyond these dates. The proposal is a temporary project for the duration of the exhibition – a period of four months.

We have consulted with the lord mayor and the master at the downs committee pre meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, and showed concept ideas for the art work. At the meeting we were asked to consider specific places on the downs where the art work would be located, and in principal, were given the agreement by the committee to progress with the project in consultation with Downs Ranger, Bristol Parks and the events team.

### **The significant issues in the report are:**

The project proposed would involve:

- Erection of a structure on the Downs (Bylaw no. 5)
- Lighting a fire on The Downs (Bylaw no. 2. (1))
- Events programme

## **Policy**

This project is compliant with Bristol City Council policies:

- 'Bristol City Council Public Art Policy'
- 'Bristol City Council Public Art Strategy'
- 'Bristol City Council 20: 20 Plan'
- 'A Management Plan for Clifton and the Downs' (sections: D1 and D2) and in pursuance of section 3.8 'Cultural Heritage' and 3.9 'Built Heritage'
- 'BCS21: Quality Urban Design (Bristol Development Framework Core Strategy)'

## **Consultation**

### **1. Internal**

Andrew Gordon, Estates Management Team Leader

Re: practical issues relating to the installation of art works.

Peter Insole, Archaeological Officer

Re: sites of historical or archaeological sensitivity.

Peter Watts, Festival and Events Officer

Events licenses and permissions.

### **At time of report preparation:**

We will continue to consult with the Safety Advisory Group, arranging table top exercises where necessary; along with the police service, fire service, NHS, and Becky Coffin, Nature Conversation Officer.

## **2. External**

### **At time of report preparation:**

Friends of The Downs and Avon Gorge (FoDAG)

Mark Harris, Production Manager Arnolfini

Project delivery and fabrication, installation, including planning and risk assessments.

### **Context**

- (1) Bristol City Council and Arnolfini are working with artist Oscar Tuazon, to commission a new artwork as part of 'The Promise' – an exhibition that opens in July 2014. The artist would like to propose the construction of a sculpture on an agreed location at The Downs, which would act as a point for summertime communal activities. The sculpture would include a cooking element for food related events referencing an ancient fire pit.
- (2) 'The Promise' (19 July – 9 November) is an exhibition about the relationship between a city and its residents. If we understand a city as more than a place, and more than a shared infrastructure, how do the people of a city live together, and how does the design of a city – architecture, urban design, and also public art – impact on the conditions of living? The project will consist of a series of offsite art commissions by international artists, developed for significant public places in Bristol, as well as an exhibition in the galleries of Arnolfini. The presentation in the Arnolfini gallery will include a display of architectural models and images that relate to the history of Bristol. These materials will be selected to give an overview of the diverse ways in which Bristol has been imagined but not realized (many of the models will be for buildings that were never built). The project will be accompanied by a public events programme including talks, concerts and film screenings, educational activities, and an engagement programme for all ages.
- (3) Oscar Tuazon has proposed a new work for 'The Promise', a sculpture that would be temporarily sited on The Downs for the duration of the exhibition. The sculpture would be a large structure, which would also be used as a barbecue. Central to the idea is the act of communal eating and gathering, and though the structure would exist as an artwork, it would be activated for a programme of food related, celebratory community events that would be delivered by Arnolfini. When not in use, the structure would be secured, with a lockable design to deter unauthorised use. It would not be available for general public use.
- (4) The artist visited Bristol in November 2013, and became particularly interested in The Downs, and the history of architectural structures that existed in the area previously – such as the Post-Medieval Lime kiln, which was sited at the foot of St Vincent's Rock, below the Giant's Cave; and the ancient settlement by the observatory that would have been used for signalling using pyres or structures to burn wood. He also noted the particular design of structures that currently exist in the area, such as the water tower and the ventilation shaft, close to Upper Belgrave Road, which is one of three that serve the former mile long Clifton Down railway tunnel, and is built in the form of a stone tower, resembling an historic artefact or memorial rather than a structure carrying out a specific function. The artist is interested in the parallels between these structures and his design for a communal cooking structure in particular, as with the ventilation shaft, something functional that has the feeling of being related to the heritage and use of the Downs.

## **Proposal**

### **(1) The Proposal**

The sculpture proposed by the artist would be built from cast steel, and stand at an estimated 20 feet high. The design would incorporate a chimney and a steel base estimated at 4 foot in diameter. It would require a removable concrete footing of approximately 12 x 12 feet, or as large as possible. The artist is keen to work with local fabricators in order to realise the work, and is interested in considering how the structure could blend in or look like an archaeological remnant or relic. The design and location for the art work would be decided in consultation with Peter Insole, Archaeological Officer, and Andrew Gordon, Estates Management Team Leader, the Downs Ranger and following the full approval and support of the Downs Committee.

### **(2) Events**

The sculpture would be the central element in a programme of summertime community events, which would be open to local residents and the general public. The events, would be programmed weekly throughout July and August, and fortnightly in September and October (working around events already scheduled to take place). Events would be managed and delivered by Arnolfini, in consultation with Peter Watts, Festival and Events Officer. When not in use, the structure would be secured, and plans to ensure controlled use would be integrated into its detailed design and fabrication. It is envisaged that it would not be available for general public use.

Events would be small scale, and with numbers less than 200, managed and overseen by Arnolfini and link to workshops and education activities for families and with a wide appeal.

### **(3) Timetable**

March – April: consultation, detailed structural plans from artist, risk assessment  
April: start of planning approval period  
May: consult local community, police, fire service and NHS; contract fabricators  
June: fabrication  
July: installation  
July – October: events programme  
November: work deconstructed, ground repaired to original state

### **(4) Location:**

The location for siting the artwork is subject to comment and approval from Natural England which at the time of the drafting of this report is not confirmed. However it should be noted that as the art work incorporates a cooking element the designated BBQ area on the downs is an area that has been identified and is likely to be the focus for the work.

## **Other Options Considered**

The location of the art work at the Downs and the structure is flexible as detailed design has not taken place. Due to the site specific nature of the artist's proposal (developed in

direct response to the Downs and its landscape) no other option for siting the work in Bristol has been considered yet, however this would follow should the proposal to site the artwork at the Downs be unsuccessful.

## **Risk Assessment**

A full risk assessment will be drawn up following submission of detailed structural plans from the artist.

Arnolfini will:

- Ensure that the structure is built by competent craftsmen / fabricators.
- Provide sound public liability in excess of £10million
- Prove that all damaged ground can and will be repaired to its original state, we will seek advice from multiple professionals in this area. The Arnolfini is also happy to provide a bond to cover any works to the ground that Parks or Downs Committee may require.
- Consult with other organisations (including the Downs committee and friends of group) about similar successful projects undertaken in Bristol and the Downs, (such as 'The Black Cloud' for Victoria Park, and sited for 4 months in summer 2009) [www.morison.info/theblackcloud](http://www.morison.info/theblackcloud) to determine the positive and negative impact and how to mitigate any negatives.
- Provide a comprehensive fire report and management policy, from Bristol City fire department
- Provide a full working RAMS produced for the construction period, events and dormant stages. We will seek to get the RAMS independently approved so a guarantee we are fully compliant and are not placing the public at risk.
- At all times be fully accountable for damage to the artwork or the location it is placed within, and make good any graffiti, or tagging during the period at The Downs.
- At all stages of the process be fully conversed with the local community, friends groups, and local resident groups, so they feel involved with what is happening.
- Seek advice from the police so to mitigate as much potential vandalism or miss use, such as the use of doors, key holder, security, community support.
- Consult with local community groups and parties

## **Public Sector Equality Duties**

- a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
  - i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
  - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to -

- remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
  - Encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

## **Legal and Resource Implications**

### **Legal**

n/a – project managed by Arnolfini.

### **Financial**

#### **(a) Revenue**

n/a – project budget held by Arnolfini.

#### **(b) Capital**

n/a – project budget held by Arnolfini.

### **(Financial advice provided by**

n/a – project managed by Arnolfini.

### **Land**

Consultation with land owner and downs committee, and eventual planning application.



## **Personnel**

Aldo Rinaldi – Senior Public Art Officer  
Axel Wieder – Curator of Exhibitions at Arnolfini  
Lucy Badrocke – Assistant Curator at Arnolfini  
Oscar Tuazon – Artist

## **Personnel advice provided by**

Peter Insole - Archaeological Officer., City Design Group  
Guy Bentham Hill – Conservation Officer, City Design Group  
Peter Watts - Festival and Events Licensing Officer, Arts, Events and Film

## **Appendices:**

1. \*Art work design concepts / sketches:
2. \*Art work location options (map based)

\* 1, and 2 may be provided at Downs Committee if material is not prepared for the agenda and report circulation prior to the meeting.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

### **Background Papers:**

None.