

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership (NP3)
15 June 2015**

Report from the Transport Working Group

1. Introduction

The Working Group's last quarterly Meeting was held at Westbury-on-Trym Academy on 29 April. Notes of the Meeting have been circulated to all attendees and can be viewed on the NP's website (www.activenp.co.uk).

As reported to the last NP Meeting in March, there continues to be a growing mood of frustration within the Transport Working Group resulting from there being insufficient resources available within BCC's Highways function to deliver the schemes previously sanctioned by the NP during the last four years.

However, the additional city-wide funding of £500k agreed in January to procure extra highway engineer resources in 2015/16 should help improve the situation and clear the current backlog of sanctioned minor traffic schemes.

Attachment 1, included in the Working Group's Report to the last NP, is reproduced again to highlight both the uncompleted sanctioned schemes and also indicates that the NP3 cumulative budget from 2010/11 to 2014/15 is £128,570, which should be compared to the cumulative "Committed" figure of £107,000. It will also be noted that the cumulative NP3 Outturn figure to date is "ZERO". As yet, the NP's Minor Traffic Schemes' budget for 2015/16 has not been confirmed but should be approximately £25k.

Until these Outturn figures are made available, the NP will have no idea of the underspend going forward. Such a figure is a prerequisite for our NP to be able to consider allocating any funds for the new "Minor Works + Minor Signing & Lining" category that was created by Highways for 2014/15 - but not defined absolutely. However, it is understood to include "*minor works, signing and lining that does not require a TRO, or major Officer input*".

At the last NP Meeting, The Area Manager (Highways) took Actions directed at resolving these issues and to report back to the June NP Meeting. However, at the time of writing (21 May) no updates have been provided.

2. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)

The debate has continued as to the efficacy of the GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. At last year's June NP Meeting, the Area Manager (Highways) took an Action to produce a "draft monitoring plan" to review the current situation. We continue to await the results of the monitoring survey (reportedly completed before the Christmas school holiday period) and, more importantly, any interpretation ascribed to the survey results. At the last NP Meeting, the Area Manager (Highways) took an Action to provide the results in time for this June's NP Meeting.

3. Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN)

There has been little in the way of significant Stakeholder involvement by BCC on their proposals for mitigating the effects of the CPNN development on the transport infrastructure in north Bristol. The last summary documentation, provided in February by BCC's Transport Development Manager, indicated that any mitigation proposals going forward were likely to be limited to wall-to-wall priority bus lanes along the whole of the A4018 corridor, plus the banning of right turns at all the outbound light-controlled junctions on Falcondale Road (with the exception of Canford Lane) and signalling the Old Crow Roundabout.

4. Minor Traffic Schemes

As highlighted in Section 1 of this Report, the NP has never been advised of any annual outturn figures for the Minor Traffic Schemes' budget - be that an underspend or an overspend going forward. Attachment 1 details ALL the schemes approved by NP3 since 2010/11 with their current status.

Until these Outturn figures are made available, the NP will have no idea of the underspend going forward. Therefore, it is currently impossible for our NP to consider allocating any funds for small schemes in the "Minor Works + Minor Signing & Lining" category that do not require a TRO, or major Officer input.

Attachment 2 ("Open Highway Issues") details the status of all 38 of the currently unfunded minor traffic schemes across our NP. This includes several potential minor works schemes. If there is a "real" cumulative underspend to date, then some of the "minor works" projects detailed in Attachment 2 could be funded now, such as:

- H137 – Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing upgrade (part funded with NP4)
- W109A – Eastfield Road footway widening
- W121A – Falcondale Road Zebra Crossing (Belisha Beacon halos and anti-skid surfacing)

It will be noted from Attachment 1 that there are currently 12 schemes with their status categorised as "on-going", ie not yet completed. Some of these schemes were sanctioned back in 2011/12.

However, on a more positive note, work on traffic-calming measures in Chock Lane (W114), dropped kerbs in Eastfield Road (W109) and additional "No Entry" signing in Channells Hill (W137, minor signing & lining) is due to commence in early June and be completed by the end of June.

Also, new parking restrictions in Sneyd Park – included as part of the much larger "Downs Parking Review" – should now be implemented, following completion of the Statutory Consultation at the end of May.

5. Footway Refurbishment Schemes

With effect from April this year, the responsibility for prioritising footway refurbishment and surface dressing schemes will no longer rest with the NP but has been returned to highway officers for city-wide prioritisation.

At the last NP Meeting, we were advised by the Area Manager (Highways) that the NP would receive schedules detailing the footway refurbishment and surface dressing

schemes that had been agreed for our NP area in 2015/16. However, as yet, this information has not been received but it could be presented to the June NP Meeting.

6. Recommendations

The **Neighbourhood Partnership** is requested to:

1. **Note** the continued lack of budget monitoring for the NP's devolved minor traffic schemes, such that the level of available funding going forward for additional "minor works" projects is currently unknown (Item 1, above).
2. **Note** the lack of progress with publishing the results of the traffic survey that is a prelude to the possible removal of the remaining section of bus lane on the approach to the White Tree roundabout, or to justify its retention (Item 2, above).
3. **Note** the current lack of any major Stakeholder involvement with proposals to mitigate the potential impact of additional traffic volumes on the A4018, arising from the Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) (Item 3, above).
4. **Note** that work on the long-awaited traffic-calming measures in Chock Lane is due to commence in early June, with completion by the end of June (Item 4, above).
5. **Note** that footway refurbishment and surface dressing schemes are no longer prioritised by the NP. Such schemes are now prioritised centrally and the NP advised accordingly (Item 5, above).

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(21 May 2015)

Attachment 1

Budget Monitoring for NP3 Devolved Minor Traffic Schemes, post April 2010

WG Issue No	Status	Ward	Scheme Title	Budget (£) and Source			Com'ted NP3 (£)	Outturn (£)			NP3 Balance (£)
				NP3	WellBeing	LST		NP3	WellBeing	LST	
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2010/11				25,714							25,714
		All	Minor signing & lining				2,250	0.00			25,714
S101 etc	Complete	SB	Parking Restrictions: Shirehampton Rd/ Bell Barn Rd				5,000	0.00			25,714
S102 etc	Complete	SB	Parking Restrictions: Downleaze/Julian Rd				2,000	0.00			25,714
S103 etc	Complete	SB	Parking Restrictions: Old Sneed Ave/Stoke Hill				3,000	0.00			25,714
W101	Complete	WoT	Feasability Study: Graystoke Ave/Passage Road				5,000	0.00			25,714
W103 etc	Complete	WoT	Parking Restrictions: Southfield Rd/Westbury Rd etc				5,000	0.00			25,714
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2011/12				25,714							51,428
		All	Minor signing & lining				2,250	0.00			51,428
H104 etc	Complete	Hen	Parking Restrictions: Wimbledon Road area				5,000	0.00			51,428
H105 etc	Complete	Hen	Parking Restrictions: Westbury Park (St Albans Area)				8,000	0.00			51,428
W105	Complete	WoT	Review: Falcondale Rd Traffic Signal Sequencing				2,500	0.00			51,428
H117	Complete	Hen	Redesign Study: Northumbria Drive mini roundabout				4,000	0.00			51,428
H115	On-going	Hen	Design Study: Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco Garage				2,000	0.00			51,428
S114 etc	On-going	SB	Parking Restrictions: Stoke Rd/Saville Rd area				2,500	0.00			51,428
S106 etc	On-going	SB	Parking Restrictions: Rockleaze/Downleaze area				3,000	0.00			51,428
W109	On-going	WoT	Crossing Point on Eastfield Rd, near Waters Lane				3,000	0.00			51,428
W118	Complete	WoT	Henbury Rd: install parking demarcation studs				1,000	0.00			51,428
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2012/13				25,714							77,142
		All	Minor signing & lining				2,000	0.00			77,142
W122	Complete	WoT	Upgrade of Falcondale Road traffic lights (WB)		2,000			0.00	2,000		77,142
H123	Complete	Hen	West Broadway/Harbury Road Traffic Survey (WB)		2,750			0.00	2,750		77,142
H118	On-going	Hen	Park Grove, pavement build-outs (LST)			20,000		0.00			77,142
W112 etc	On-going	WoT	Stoke Lane parking restrictions (part LST)			4,000	6,000	0.00			77,142
H125	On-going	Hen	Zebra Crossing on Coldharbour Road (LST) **			24,820		0.00			77,142
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2013/14				0.00							77,142
		All	Minor signing & lining				2,500	0.00			77,142
W114	On-going	WoT	Chock Lane footway safety improvement (WB)		2,500			0.00			77,142
	On-going	WoT	Chock Lane traffic calming improvements (WB)		5,000			0.00			77,142
	On-going	WoT	Traffic Calming Measures in Chock Lane (LST)			5,000		0.00			77,142
W117	On-going	WoT	Zebra Crossing on Southmead Road (LST) *			20,000	1,000	0.00			77,142
W137	On-going	WoT	Channells Hill "No Entry" minor signing & lining				0.00	0.00			77,142
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2014/15				51,428							128,570
		All	Minor signing & lining plus Minor works				2,500	0.00			128,570
S117	On-going	SB	Shirehampton Rd Ped Crossing, near Stoke Lodge Phase 1				5,000	0.00			128,570
W136 etc	On-going	WoT	Parking Restrictions: East end of WoT Village Phase 1				6,000	0.00			128,570
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2015/16				0.00							128,570
		All	Minor signing & lining plus Minor works				2,500				128,570
S117	Committed	SB	Shirehampton Rd Ped Crossing, near Stoke Lodge Phase 2				20,000				128,570
W136 etc	Committed	WoT	Parking Restrictions: East end of WoT Village Phase 2				4,000				128,570
Minor Traffic Schemes: 2016/17				0.00							128,570
		All	Minor signing & lining plus Minor works				2,500				128,570
H127 etc	Committed	Hen	Parking Restrictions in Henleaze				10,000				128,570
TOTAL				128,570	12,250	73,820	107,000	0	4,750	0	128,570
				* Plus additional funding of up to £5k from NP4							
				** Joint bid with NP6							

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Open Highway Issues (May 2015)

H107	Hen	Henleaze Rd/Westbury Rd	Ban right turn out of Henleaze Road	Perceived need will be monitored and, if necessary, included as part of CPNN mitigation.	On hold
H108	Hen	Lime Trees Road to Ridgehill	Complete the missing 20m section of cycle path at the Ridgehill end	Subject to establishing ownership of the small piece of land over which the Cycle Path would be laid	On hold
H111	Hen	Southmead Rd/Henleaze Rd/Eastfield Rd junction	Better traffic management at this junction with the inclusion of pedestrian crossing(s).	A Section 106 Agreement sanctioned as part of a Planning Application (14/01347/F) to redevelop the "Quarry Leaze" site includes the provision of a new zebra crossing across the Henleaze Road dual carriageway, plus other "improvements" to the local bus stops	S106 Agreement to be progressed
H112	Hen	Westbury Road (near Brecon Road)	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Reviewed as part of Planning Application to expand St Ursula's Academy and will not proceed but S106 Agreement sanctioned to part-fund W121	W121 to be progressed
H115A	Hen	Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco	Safety concerns for pedestrians on pavement	H115 Report completed and will be used to work up proposals for improvements. Any new Parking Restrictions could be included with H127	Additional Report being prepared
H119	Hen	Howard Road	Complaint from a resident about excessive speed of vehicles.	Need to establish extent of the problem.	On hold
H121	Hen	Oakwood Road	Closure to through traffic between Rockside Drive and Hill View	TRO would be required, preceded by public consultation and survey.	On hold
H123	Hen	West Broadway and South Croft	Excessive speed of vehicles travelling along West Broadway and South Croft	Report completed which includes some possible solutions. Additional survey completed by local residents	Report to be reviewed by WG
H134	Hen	Brecon Road	Provision of "safety features" around St Ursula's Academy	Reviewed as part of Planning Application to expand St Ursula's Academy.	To be progressed
H136	Hen	Westbury Park (the road)	Suggestion that the road could become a one-way street to obviate the dangers of all-day parking	Currently little support from the WP Community Association. The outcome a post-RPZ review could influence any proposals.	Awaiting results from RPZ Review
H137	Hen	Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing (near 'Beehive' PH)	"Puffin crossing" requested to make the existing crossing safer - especially for children attending Horfield school	A upgrade to a "Puffin Crossing" at +£60k is beyond the NP's budget. Belisha Beacon upgrades (£4k) and anti-skid surfacing (£4k) could be considered, if supported and costs shared with NP4 (Horfield & Lockleaze)	Under Review
S105	SB	Stoke Road	Parking improvements on both sides of Stoke Road	It is estimated that it would cost a minimum of £30k to widen Stoke Road from its junction with Ladies Mile to its junction to Downleaze. There is some concern that widening the road will have a detrimental impact on pedestrians in the area due to increased vehicle speeds.	On hold (see S114)
S107A	SB	Kewstoke Road junction with Stoke Hill	Pavement build-outs to be considered if recent parking restrictions (S107) are demonstrably inadequate	Requires a survey and a detailed design study, plus Consultation - this would cost approx £7 to £8k	On hold

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.	On hold
S118	SB	Hollybush Lane junction with Druid Hill	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers exiting Hollybush Lane	Parking Restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review - possibly linked with S117	Under Review
S119	SB	Druid Hill Mini-roundabout	Difficult for pedestrians to cross the roads at this location	A Design Study for possible upgrading could be included with S117, funds and resources permitting.	Under Review
S121	SB	Roman Way, junction with Portway and Hadrian Close	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers exiting Portway	Parking Restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	Under Review
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.	Under Review
W109A	WoT	Eastfield Road (near top of Waters Lane)	Pavement build-out, including the widening of footway between Albert Place and Waters Lane.	W109 Design Study completed and pedestrian crossing point in progress. Remaining footway improvements "under review"	Under Review
W114A	WoT	Chock Lane	Additional traffic-calming measures, not covered by W114	Completion of Phase 1 recommendations - pavement build-outs and additional signing and lining (est: £12k). Completion of Phase 2 recommendations, if required (est: £7k)	Under Review
W119	WoT	Falcondale Road, near 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.	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W121	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Westbury Road junction	Current location of both Zebra Crossings is a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles	Relocation of crossing points included with signalisation of junction. S106 part-funding available from Planning Consent to expand St Ursula's Academy.	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W121A	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Westbury Road junction	Minor improvements to crossing following pedestrian accident on crossing	Erect additional warning sign (complete); review and extend zigzag markings; lay high friction surface (HFS) on approaches to crossing, see W121	Under Review
W123	WoT	Falcondale Road	1 of 6 recommendations contained in a traffic signal sequencing review, previously sanctioned by the NP (Ref W105)	Connect the lights to the Council's private fibre network (BNET) to give enhanced reliability, cost £30k-£50k.	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W124	WoT	Falcondale Road	1 of 6 recommendations contained in a traffic signal sequencing review, previously sanctioned by the NP (Ref W105)	Install traffic cameras on the BNET system, cost approx £20k but dependant on completion of W123	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W125	WoT	Falcondale Road	1 of 6 recommendations contained in a traffic signal sequencing review, previously sanctioned by the NP (Ref W105)	Introduce a "Clearway" during peak hours, cost £10k	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W126	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Stoke Lane junction	1 of 6 recommendations contained in a traffic signal sequencing review, previously sanctioned by the NP (Ref W105)	Improvements to the capacity of the Stoke Lane junction, cost approx £25k	Included in CPNN mitigation review

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W127	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Henbury Road junction	1 of 6 recommendations contained in a traffic signal sequencing review, previously sanctioned by the NP (Ref W105)	Improvements to the capacity of this junction. These would cost approx £200k and be funded from the Council's capital budget, probably within the next 5 years	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W128	WoT	Canford Lane (near Sandyleaze junction)	Upgrade current VAS to indicate absolute speed of approaching vehicles	BCC's current Policy is not to deploy signs which indicate absolute speed	On hold
W129	WoT	Canford Lane (between Canford Road and Dingle Road)	Provide Zebra Crossing and/or central pedestrian refuge(s)	SpeedWatch results to be reviewed	On hold
W132	WoT	Eastfield Road, at Cote Lea Park junction	Difficulty for pedestrians using crossing point, due to parked vehicles restricting visibility	Will require parking restrictions if parked vehicles are to be moved further away from crossing point.	Under Review (see W136)
W133	WoT	Greystoke Ave, junct with Falcondale Road	Recent BCC Report highlighted that existing pedestrian refuges at the junction were poorly sited and proposed that improved crossing points plus a 2-lane exit from Greystoke Ave to Falcondale Road (at a cost of approx £40k), would provide benefits to both pedestrians and traffic	Review recommendations and pursue options. Also to include W119. Design Study sanctioned at Dec 2013 NP, subsequently decision reversed at March 2014 NP.	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W134	WoT	Coombe Lane junction with Canford Lane	Excessive speed of traffic moving from Canford Lane into Coombe Lane and also difficult for pedestrians to cross Coombe lane at this wide junction.	Consider pavement build-outs to reduce speed of traffic and provide central pedestrian refuge. Estimated cost of Capital works, £20k+; Design Study and consultation, approx £3k.	Under Review
W139	WoT	Rosery Close	Roads currently being used for all-day parking with resultant problems for residents	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review. See W136	Under Review
W140	WoT	Southdown Road and Hillsdon Road	Problems with "rat-running" to avoid Henbury Road/Falcondale Road traffic lights	Could be included with CPPN mitigation review or local parking review - see W136	Under Review
W141	WoT	Section of Henbury Road near junction with Hyland Grove	Pedestrian crossing on Henbury Hill has been requested - near Northover Road	Suggestion to be reviewed for practicality. Possible alternative would be to include a new section of footway on Henbury Road	Under Review
W142	WoT	Falcon Close, junction with Henbury Road	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review. See W136	Under Review
W143	WoT	Canford Lane(one-way section by Canford Park)	Incidents reported of drivers driving the "wrong way"	Possible inclusion of improved signage (£1k) white lining (£250) and tighten kerblines (£10k)	Under Review