Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Partnership (NP3) 28 September 2015

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 also be viewed on the NP's website (<u>www.activenp.co.uk</u>).

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), Peter Robottom (SB) and Maggie Clarke (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 a brief discussion, it was agreed that the only change necessary was to remove Mark Runacres' name as the Police contact and substitute "local Neighbourhood Manager". These revised Terms of Reference are appended (as Attachment 1), for formal approval by the NP.

2. Minor Traffic Schemes Budget

It was reported to the last NP Meeting that it was impossible to allocate any further funding for minor traffic schemes, or "minor works", until the cumulative balance of the NP's devolved budget for minor traffic schemes had been confirmed. This figure has now been established by BCC's Highways function and full details should be presented to the September NP for information.

In short, this will confirm that there is a cumulative, uncommitted, balance going forward of approximately £50k. Unfortunately, with Highways' current city-wide diktat of only one minor traffic scheme per NP, per year, it is difficult to see how these funds can be utilised to implement any of the schemes that are included in the NP's current list of Highway Issues for prioritisation, until 2017/18. The one scheme for next year (2016/17) – a Parking Review covering a large area of Henleaze - has already been sanctioned by the Neighbourhood Committee.

However, there is perhaps the opportunity to include some "minor works" projects but this possibility needs to be fully explored with Highways to establish the resourcing implications. This is discussed further under Item 5 - "Minor Traffic Schemes".

3. 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 2014 Christmas school holiday period) and, more importantly, any interpretation ascribed to the survey results. At the March NP Meeting, the Area

Manager (Highways) took an Action to present the results to the June NP but no update was provided.

4. Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN)

As reported to the last NP in June, there has been no 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 signalising the Old Crow Roundabout.

5. Minor Traffic Schemes

Attachment 2 ("Open Highway Issues") includes details of the status of all of the 20 currently unfunded minor traffic schemes across our NP. However, this total excludes the 10 schemes that could eventually be centrally-funded as a result of the CPNN Mitigation Review.

Whilst the NP is currently constrained by Highways' one scheme per year diktat, there is a possibility that some minor traffic schemes could be reclassified as "minor works" projects. If that is the case - and subject to confirmation by Highways - several potential minor works projects detailed in Attachment 2 could be funded now, such as:

- H137 Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing upgrade (£10k, part funded with NP4 and already confirmed as a "minor works" project)
- W109 Eastfield Road footway widening (est £15k)
- W134 Footway widening at the Canford Lane/Coombe Lane junction (est £15k)

The NP4 Neighbourhood Committee has already agreed to release £5k to half-fund the £10k cost of the Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing Upgrade (H137) and, therefore, the NP3 Neighbourhood Committee is requested to sanction £5k from NP3's devolved funds – by way of matched funding for this "minor works" project.

If it can be agreed with Highways that the other two Schemes (W109 and W134) can be classified as "minor works" projects, then the Transport Working Group will seek to confirm the respective budget costs and, subject to the Working Group's agreement, bring these to the next Partnership in December, for the Neighbourhood Committee to consider committing further devolved funds.

It will be noted from Attachment 2 that there are currently 24 schemes with their status categorised as "in-progress", ie not yet completed. Although some of these schemes were sanctioned as far back as 2011/12, significant progress has recently been made with 14 of them:

- The Statutory Consultation for the Downs Parking Review, which included several local issues (S106, S111, S113, S114), was completed at the end of May and the numerous comments are currently being evaluated, prior to implementation.
- A major review of parking restrictions in and around Westbury Village (including W130, W132, W135, W136, W139, W142, H131) has been the subject of a public consultation which closed on 9 August.
- A scheme for a Zebra Crossing on Shirehampton Road (S117) and the upgrading of the mini-roundabout on Druid Hill (S119) has been the subject of a public consultation which closed on 26 August.

• An amended scheme for a Zebra Crossing on Southmead Road (W117) has been the subject of a second public consultation which closed on 28 August.

Again, on a positive note, it is pleasing to be able to report that the last of the yellow lines to enforce the new parking restrictions in Stoke Lane (and other nearby streets) have now been painted. These new restrictions resulted from the Parking Review that was sanctioned by the NP in 2012.

Also, dropped kerbs in Eastfield Road (W109) near Albert Place and additional "No Entry" signing in Channells Hill (W137) have recently been completed satisfactorily.

The installation of three traffic-calming chicanes in Chock Lane (W114) has recently been completed and this represents the culmination of a long drawn-out campaign by the Transport Working Group to support local residents in achieving a reduction in traffic speed through this rather narrow thoroughfare. Post-installation "clandestine" passive speed counts indicate that, over the course of a week, 99% of the vehicles did not exceed 21mph at the exit from the chicanes. This figure should be compared with those previously recorded during local Community SpeedWatch exercises which typically indicated that up to 40% of vehicles were travelling at between 20 and 24mph (and typically 10% in excess of 24mph).

6. Recommendations

The **Neighbourhood Partnership** is requested to:

- 1. **Approve** the Transport Working Group's revised Terms of Reference (Attachment 1), following their review at the Group's recent AGM (Item 1, above).
- 2. **Note** that NP4's Neighbourhood Committee has approved the release £5k to halffund the £10k cost of a safety upgrade for the Wellington Hill West Zebra Crossing and, therefore, the Neighbourhood Committee is requested to **Approve** the commitment of £5k from the NP's devolved funds to match-fund this project (Items 2 and 5, above).
- 3. Note <u>again</u> 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 3, above).
- 4. **Note** <u>again</u> 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 4, above).
- 5. **Note** that the long-awaited traffic-calming chicanes in Chock Lane have been installed and that post-scheme traffic counts indicate that these have achieved the desired reduction in traffic speeds, with 99% of vehicles now not exceeding 21mph at the exit from the chicanes (Item 5, above).

Alan Aburrow Chairman, Transport Working Group (2 September 2015)



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Transport Working Group - Terms of Reference (September 2015)

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 the local Neighbourhood Manager, 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.

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Transport Working Group

Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Progress	Status
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 run	With the PRoW Team
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 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
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. Parking Restrictions could be included with H127	Additional Report being prepared
H118	Hen	Park Grove, near junction with Henleaze Park	Install Zebra Crossing, for the benefit of children attending local school. However, low volume of traffic does not support a crossing as a 24/7 solution.	A Design Study for an uncontrolled crossing point was sanctioned at the June 2012 NP and should now proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation.	In progress: consultation imminent
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	Proposals to be reviewed with local residents
H124	Hen	Wellington Hill West, junction with Kellaway Avenue	Move Stop Line further down Wellington Hill West to give busses turning from Kellaway Ave more room to manoeuvre.	Road markings reviewed and changes to be introduced during next maintenance cycle.	In progress
H125	Hen	Coldharbour Road, between Cairns Road and Halsbury Road	Install pedestrian crossing.	Public consultation closed and feedback being evaluated, prior to execution	In progress
H127	Hen	Downs Park West, junct with Henleaze Rd	Inconsiderate parking on junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	
H128	Hen	Wanscow Walk, junct with Henleaze Road	Inconsiderate parking on junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	
H129	Hen	Henley Grove junction with Henleaze Road	Extend parking restrictions further along Henley Grove	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	Parking Review sanctioned at
H130	Hen	Brean Down Ave, junction with White Tree Road	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	June 2014 NP for inclusion in 2016/17
H131	Hen	Eastfield junction with Eastfield Road	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	budget
H132	Hen	Grange Park junction with Brecon Road, Waterford Road & Antrim Road	Inconsiderate parking in junction area restricting access for through traffic, in particular in Grange Park	Extent and adequacy of current enforceable parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be reviewed (Previously considered as H116)	

Open Highway Issues (August 2015)

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Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Progress	Status
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 and will be funded by the Academy.	To be progressed by St Ursula's Academy
H135	Hen	Downs Park East, junct with Henleaze Rd	Inconsiderate parking on junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	See H127
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 of 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 - Supported by NP4
H138	Hen	North View	Relocate bus stop from North View to Northumbria Drive	Relocation currently being assessed for practicality and cost	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. Any civil work would require the agreement of the Downs Committee.	Will be reviewed following introduction of new parking restrictions (S114)
S106	SB	Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road	Parking and one-way restrictions have been requested.	Included in Downs Parking Review. Statutory Consultation closed 26 May.	In progress
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
S111	SB	Cooks Folly Rd/Knowle Hill junction	Introduce parking restrictions at junction		In progress
S113	SB		Parking problems around junction	Included in Downs Parking Review. Statutory Consultation closed 26 May.	In progress
S114	SB	Stoke Road junction with Saville Road	Junction is blocked by parked cars in left hand lane and stationary cars in right hand lane		In progress
S117	SB	Shirehampton Road	Requirement for a crossing point near Stoke Lodge entrance	Scheme sanctioned at June 2014 NP and proposals currently out for public consultation	In progress
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	Under Review
S119	SB	Druid Hill Mini- roundabout	Difficult for pedestrians to cross the roads at this location	A Design Study for possible upgrading is included with S117	In progress
S120	SB	Bus Stop on Stoke Hill (outside No 59)	Reduce the length of the bus stop by one car length in order to increase parking spaces	Will be considered when bus cage is next repainted	On hold
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

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S122	SB	Sea Mills Lane	Provide car park near railway station.	Possible locations currently being researched with BCC	Under Review
S123	SB	Coombe Lane	Provide a Zebra Crossing, near Rayleigh Road	Possible alternative locations to be reviewed, together with provision of central pedestrian refuge points as an alternative	On hold
S124	SB	Stoke Hill	Paint additional "Slow" markings on road near Eastmead Lane	Will be funded from NP3 "Minor Signing & Lining" budget	To be progressed
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
W109	WoT	Eastfield Road (near top of Waters Lane)	Pavement build-outs and pedestrian crossing improvements, including the widening of footway between Albert Place and Waters Lane.	Design Study completed and new pedestrian crossing point constructed. Remaining footway improvements "under review" as possible "Minor Works" scheme	Under Review
W114	WoT	Chock Lane	Introduce traffic-calming measures	Installation of 3 over-runnable chicanes complete; footway improvements being progressed.	In progress
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
W117	WoT	Southmead Road, near Alexandra Road	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Second Public Consultation in progress, following feedback from first Consultation	In progress
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

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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
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
W130	WoT	Glenwood Road	Provide double yellow lines opposite allocated parking spaces to maintain adequate access for traffic.	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") included with W136	In progress
W132	WoT	Eastfield Road, at Cote Lea Park junction	Difficulty for pedestrians using crossing point, due to parked vehicles restricting visibility	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
W135	WoT	Cote Lea Park junction with Pinewood Close	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") included with W136	In progress
W136	WoT	Holmwood Gardens, Passage Road, Shipley Road and Westfield Road	Roads currently being used for all- day commuter parking with resultant visibility problems and pavement parking	Parking Review sanctioned at June 2014 NP and Public Consultation closed 9 Aug 2015 and feedback to be reviewed, prior to scheme proposals	In progress
W138	WoT	Westbury Road	Inconsiderate parking on footway between Falcondale Road and Southfield Road	Ownership of footway to be confirmed prior to implementing any parking restrictions	In Progress
W139	WoT	Rosery Close	Roads currently being used for all- day parking with resultant problems for residents	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") included with W136	In progress
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") included with W136	In progress

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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 kerb lines (£10k)	Under Review		
W144	WoT	Canford Lane, between Canford Road and Falcondale Road	Complaint of increased traffic congestion following increased number of busses using Canford Lane	Review parking arrangements and consider possibility of one-way street	Under Review		
	Devolved Section 106 Monies						
ZCD.		Red Maids' School, Westbury on-Trym	The provision of wig wag school warning signs and keep clear markings to highlight the presence of	£4503.47 to be committed by 12 February 2012. Contact Officer: Terry Bullock (Transport Manager)	Complete?		
ZCD768		Shipley Road, Westbury- on-Trym	The provision of improvements and maintenance of Public Right of Way 560	£5079.24 contribution with no limit on spend date. Contact Officer: Gareth Vaughan-Williams, Highway Services Manager	In progress with PRoW Team		
ZCD967		Henleaze Road, Henleaze	The provision of improvements to the bus stopping facilities at the southbound bus stop near Rockside Drive on Henleaze Road	£8000.00 contribution with no limit on spend date. Release of funds sanctioned at June 2014 NP	In progress		