

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership
2 December 2013**

Report from the Transport Working Group

1. Introduction

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

2. City-wide 20mph Rollout Scheme

The 20mph Rollout Team's proposals were formally presented to the NP last September and the details subsequently debated at all three of the NP3 Neighbourhood Forums held in October. The proposals are available on the NP3 website (www.activenp.co.uk) and also the Council's website.

The current Consultation closed on 25 October and we now await publication of the final proposals, which will form the basis of the requisite Speed Limit Order (SLO). A further formal consultation period is required, as part of the SLO process, which is planned for early next year.

3. Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)

The debate has continued as to the efficacy of the new GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. A traffic count has still to be undertaken by Highways Engineers but this is unlikely to be accomplished before the end of this year, when the building works at the top of Black Boy Hill have been completed.

The Mayor is due to pronounce on the need for this section of bus lane, following referral of the issue to him last January when it was debated at Full Council. On that occasion, Council was asked to consider a Petition (sponsored by Cllr Geoff Gollop), which had collected more than 3,500 signatures. The Petition highlighted, inter alia, that "there is a real and obvious need to scrap or redesign this particular route".

4. Residents Parking Zones (RPZs)

The proposed RPZ border for Redland had been considerably revised – following strong lobbying from Westbury Park residents and local councillors at the informal consultation stage. The majority of Westbury Park is now excluded from the Redland RPZ and the formal consultation

for Redland, based on the revised boundaries, is scheduled to commence before the end of this year.

5. New Bus Stops on Southmead Road

Last July, the Council's Passenger Transport Team announced its proposals for "improvements" to both the east and west-bound bus stops on Southmead Road, near Lake Road. The downside of these proposals was that both bus laybys would be removed and replaced by bus stop build-outs in each inside lane of this short section of dual carriageway.

Following objections raised by several near-neighbours and concerns expressed by the Transport Working Group, the Passenger Transport Team announced in early September that they had decided to postpone the proposed work and carry out a full review of their proposals and to consider other options.

The results of this review are currently awaited.

6. Minor Traffic Schemes

The majority of the work approved by the NP in June 2010 and March 2011, for implementation in 2010/11 and 2011/12 respectively, has been completed. Currently, there is a moratorium on accepting any new Minor Traffic Schemes before April 2014. Hence, the Highways and Traffic Team has confirmed that it is their intention to complete all schemes sanctioned by the NP for delivery in 2012/13 by the end of the current (2013/14) Financial Year. All current schemes are detailed below, some of which have been out-sourced to Halcrow Consultants (HC):

- 1. Parking Restrictions ("Yellow-lining") in the Westbury Park area (H105) and in the Stoke Bishop area (S101, S103, S107, S109, S115 & S116)** - the Transport Working Group has been advised that BCC's contractors, Glamorgan Lining, have not carried out any lining work over the last 3 months and they had been given an ultimatum to get this outstanding work completed.
- 2. Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose car park (H114)** - a formal Planning Application from Waitrose, to expand their existing on-site parking facilities, is imminent. These plans should include proposals to upgrade and improve the current entrance/exit arrangements.
- 3. Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco (H115)** - review of on-street parking arrangements and entrance layout currently being undertaken by HC.
- 4. Junction of Northumbria Drive and Henleaze Road (H117)** - review of existing road layout currently being undertaken by HC.
- 5. Park Grove, pavement build-outs near schools (H118)** - outline scheme being progressed by HC, subsequent capital works to be funded from a recent LST grant.

6. **West Broadway and South Croft** (H123) - review of current road layouts and subsequent consultation into possible traffic-calming measures being progressed by HC. This Scheme has been funded from the NP's Local Community Small Grants fund.
7. **Pedestrian Crossing on Coldharbour Road** (H125) - outline scheme being progressed by HC, subsequent capital works to be funded from a recent LST grant.
8. **Additional parking restrictions around the Downs area** (S106, S111, S113 & S114) - review and outline proposals, followed by a public consultation, being progressed by HC. The Downs Committee's Traffic Subgroup is supportive of the NP's current proposals.
9. **Eastfield Road, at top of Waters Lane** (W109) - a preliminary redesign of the junction layout, with a new pedestrian crossing point, has been completed by the Council's Highway Engineers. A Report, with proposals, will be presented to the NP for consideration.
10. **Stoke Lane parking review** (W112) - a review has been completed and includes sections of other roads in the area (eg Abbey Road, Briarwood, Great Brockeridge, Abbey Gate and Lampeter Road). Proposals are about to go out for public consultation, prior to implementation. Currently, all the proposed measures are constrained to introducing new double yellow lines at road junctions, plus replacing existing white-line advisory "no parking" restrictions with enforceable double yellow line restrictions.
11. **Chock Lane traffic-calming** (W114) - a Report detailing all practical traffic-calming options will be presented to the NP for consideration. The Report will include proposals for chicanes and other pedestrian safety features. A recent £5k LST Grant, secured by the Transport Working Group, will go towards funding some of these improvements. However, funding for any major improvements has yet to be secured.
12. **Pedestrian Crossing on Southmead Road** (W117) - outline scheme being progressed by HC, subsequent capital works to be funded from recent LST grant secured by the Transport Working Group.
13. **Henbury Road** (W118) – demarcation studs are now in place to identify the precise extent of the public footway. This will enable parking restrictions to be more easily enforced. Near-neighbours have been advised of these changes.
14. **Falcondale Road/Henbury Road junction** (W122) - the traffic lights have been connected to the council's digital phone network, as an aid to faster signal communication with other sets of traffic lights in the area. Traffic-monitoring cameras have yet to be commissioned. This Scheme has, in part, been funded from the NP's Local Community Small Grants fund.

7. Prioritisation of Minor Traffic Schemes Budget for 2014/15

There is a potential budget of approximately £51.4k for 2014/15 (i.e. £25.7k rollover from 2013/14 plus £25.7k for 2014/15). The Transport

Working Group has suggested not committing all funds as at 6 April 2014, but to hold some back to await the outcomes of current and proposed feasibility/design studies, which could require funding for capital work. The following new feasibility/design studies were proposed, in advance of committing any funds to capital work:

1. **Junction of Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and Eastfield Road (H111).** A design study for remodelling this busy junction, which could include a new controlled crossing point (**£4k**).
2. **Junctions in Henleaze (H127, H128, H129, H130, H131 & H132).** A parking restriction review and subsequent TRO (after public consultation) for many road junctions in Henleaze, including Downs Park West/Henleaze Road; Wanscow Walk/Henleaze Road, Henley Grove/Henleaze Road; Brean Down Avenue/White Tree Road; Eastfield/Eastfield Road; Grange Park/Brecon Road/Waterford Road/Antrim Road. Also, possibly include Glenwood Road, WoT, (W130) in the same review (**£5k**).
3. **Shirehampton Road (S117).** Design study for crossing point to serve new playground on Stoke Lodge (**£3k**).
4. **Falcondale Road/Greystoke Avenue junction (W119 & W133).** Design study for improved junction and pedestrian crossing points (**£4k**).
5. **Falcondale Road/Westbury Road junction (W121).** Design study to remodel junction and relocation of current zebra crossings (**£4k**).
6. **Coombe Lane Junction with Canford Lane (W134).** Design study to remodel junction (**£4k**).

These six feasibility/design studies would cost approximately £24k, leaving a balance of approximately £27.4k for any prioritised capital works, eg traffic-calming measures in Chock Lane (W114). In addition, there may be some underspend from the schemes currently sanctioned for completion this financial year.

The Transport WG agreed that these six feasibility/design scheme proposals, for execution in 2014/15 (totalling £24k from an estimated budget of £51.4k), should be submitted to the Neighbourhood Committee for endorsement.

8. Footway Resurfacing (Current Financial Year)

At the last NP, the Neighbourhood Committee agreed that resurfacing Priory Avenue (£16k), Glen Drive (£18k), Montroy Close (£4k) and part of Grange Park (£5.5k) would be completed from the NP's devolved budget of £43.5k.

However, we were also advised at the last NP that an additional £19.5K had been made available for the current (2013/14) financial year. At the

last Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum, a request was made for Farne Close to be prioritised for refurbishment, following a local survey by Cllr Glenise Morgan. This had indicated, inter alia, that 71% of the households in Farne Close had someone with a walking aid, mobility scooter or pram. Additionally, 47% of the households had residents aged over 80. Therefore the “equalities” aspect should be considered when assessing the needs of these local residents, as “equalities” does not contribute absolutely in the Council’s empirical prioritisation “scoring” process.

Consequently, the last Meeting of the Transport Working Group agreed that the budget cost of £12k for refurbishing the footways in Farne Close should be recommended to the Neighbourhood Committee for endorsement, with the balance (£7.5k) being used on Kellaway Avenue, together with any underspend from this year’s budget. A full list of all prioritised footway refurbishment schemes is detailed in Attachment 1.

9. Recommendations

The **Neighbourhood Committee** is requested to:

1. **Approve** the proposals to fund six feasibility/design studies, at a cost of approximately £24k, from the NP’s devolved Minor Traffic Schemes budget for 2014/15 (Item 7, above).
2. **Approve** additional footway refurbishment proposals, for Farne Close and Kellaway Avenue, for the current financial year (Item 8, above).

The **Neighbourhood Partnership** is requested to:

3. **Note** the current progress with the City-wide 20mph Rollout Scheme (Item 2, above).
4. **Note** the lack of progress with removing the remaining section of bus lane on the approach to the White Tree roundabout, or the completion of any traffic surveys to justify its retention (Item 3, above).
5. **Note** that the majority of Westbury Park is now excluded from the proposed Redland RPZ and that the formal consultation for Redland, based on the revised boundaries, is scheduled to commence by the end of this year. (Item 4, above)
6. **Note** the proposals for removing the two bus stop laybys on Southmead Road, near Lake Road, are currently “on hold”, pending a scheme review (Item 5, above).
7. **Note** the current progress with the minor traffic schemes, previously sanctioned by the NP (Item 6, above).

Alan Aburrow
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(12 November 2013)

Appendix 3 - Condition Survey Assessment form for Footways

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