

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership
16 June 2014**

Report from the Transport Working Group

1. Introduction

The Working Group's last quarterly Meeting was held at Westbury-on-Trym Academy on 30 April. Notes of the Meeting have been circulated to all attendees and can be viewed on the NP's website on page: www.activenp.co.uk/

2. City-wide 20mph Rollout Scheme

The Informal Consultation for the NP3 area (Phase 3) closed last October and the feedback was included in draft proposals which have now been published on the Council's website:

www.bristol20mph.co.uk/how/westbury-horfield-lockleaze-henleaze-stoke-bishop and these will form the basis of the requisite Speed Limit Order (SLO). As part of the SLO process, a further formal consultation period is required and this ran from 7 to 29 May. This was the last chance to challenge the consultation process, or the final proposals.

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. A letter from the Mayor, George Ferguson, regarding removal/redesign of this bus lane has been received, following an enquiry from the Partnership.

The Mayor's response identified that the post-scheme traffic counts have not yet been completed and remain to be undertaken by the Highways Team. David Mayer has requested, as NP3 Chairman, that the Terms of Reference for the traffic survey should be submitted to the NP for its approval before implementation.

4. Devolved Section 106 Money – Henleaze Road Bus Stop.

Approximately £8k of Section 106 money (ZCD.967), specifically for "the provision of improvements to the bus stopping facilities at the southbound bus stop near Rockside Drive on Henleaze Road", has been accrued since 2004.

Proposals presented to the last NP were referred back to the Transport Working Group for further discussion and ratification. The two main options considered were:

1. Real Time Information (RTI) display boards at both Rockside Drive and Henleaze Park Drive
2. An RTI board plus a raised mounting platform at Rockside Drive.

After much debate, the consensus view of the Meeting was that Option 2 should be sanctioned by the Neighbourhood Committee.

5. Minor Traffic Schemes

Particulars for all the Highway Issues referenced in this Section are further amplified in Appendix 1.

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. Uncompleted work includes the painting of yellow lines in Westbury Park and Stoke Bishop. These delays have arisen from poor contractor performance (Glamorgan Lining) which is being addressed by the Highways and Traffic Team.

Currently, the on-going work includes:

1. **Junction of Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and Eastfield Road (H111)** - outline proposals for a new development on the "Quarry Leaze" site could refocus the need for improvements at this junction.
2. **Northumbria Drive, entrance to Waitrose car park (H114)** - a recent Planning Application, submitted by Waitrose to revamp their car park arrangements with a redesigned entrance was granted on 2 May.
3. **Eastfield Road, at top of Waters Lane (W109)** - a new pedestrian crossing point was sanctioned at the last NP. This work will now proceed.
4. **Stoke Lane Area parking review (W112)** - the Public Consultation closed on 12 January and the results are being evaluated, prior to formal consultation for the requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
5. **Chock Lane traffic-calming (W114)** – funding for two over-runnable chicanes and footway improvements was sanctioned at the last NP. This work will now proceed.

Six of the seven design studies (sanctioned by the NP in 2012/13) and outsourced to *CH2M Hill* (previously trading as Halcrow Consultants) have recently been completed and draft Reports circulated to Transport WG Members for comment. After lengthy discussion, the consensus view of the WG Meeting was:

RS12058 (H115) Henleaze Road Tesco Access - this issue should be further investigated, prior to public consultation

RS12059 (H117) Henleaze Road/Northumbria Drive Mini-roundabout - proposals noted but none would appear to offer any marked improvements and therefore no changes should be funded by the NP

RS12060 (H118) Park Grove pavement build-outs - should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation

RS12061 (S106, S111, S113, S114) The Downs parking review - should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation

RS12064 (W117) Southmead Road zebra crossing - should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation

RS13012 (H125) Coldharbour Road zebra crossing - should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation

The feasibility study for RS1303 (H123) West Broadway and South Croft traffic calming is still being finalised.

The whole length of the A4018 corridor from Cribbs Causeway into Bristol is currently subject to close scrutiny by BCC's highway engineers in order to improve traffic flow and minimise congestion arising from the proposed large scale housing development at South Gloucestershire's CPPN ("Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood") development. Therefore, several of the Highway Issues on the WG's schedule for possible funding are to be included:

W119 & W133 - Falcondale Road/Greystoke Avenue junction

W121 - Falcondale Road/ Westbury Road junction

W123, W124, W125, W126 & W127 – Falcondale Road, improvements to the capacity of all signalised junctions and the possible introduction of a Clearway

Although NP3 has a Minor Traffic Schemes budget of approx £51k for 2014/15, the latest diktat from the Highways Team is that they can only guarantee to deliver one scheme per Partnership per year. Furthermore, each NP has been asked to consider choosing their schemes for a 3-Year rolling programme and the Highways Team "will endeavour to work flexibly to deliver these schemes as quickly as possible within this timescale".

Consequently, it would appear that the NP's Minor Traffic Schemes are placed at the very bottom of the Highway's "food chain" as a result of their limited resources being prioritised towards rolling out city-wide 20mph speed limits, Residents' Parking Schemes, discontinuous "priority" bus lanes, LST-funded schemes and Dutch-style cycle lanes.

Within the Highways Team's new "one scheme per year rolling 3-year guidelines", the WG reviewed the current outstanding Highway Issues and prioritised them as:

2014/15 & 2015/16 - two schemes to be progressed in parallel (ie two "half-schemes" per year with design and consultation in 2014/15 and implementation in 2015/16) - Shirehampton Road pedestrian crossing point, near Stoke Lodge (S117) and additional parking restrictions in and around Westbury village (including W132, W135, W136, H131 and possibly W138)

2016/17 – additional parking restrictions in Henleaze (including H127-H130, H132 and H135)

However, the Transport Working Group is totally unresponsive of the “one scheme per year” diktat and therefore requests the Neighbourhood Partnership to support its revocation.

6. Westbury Road Pavement (W138) – there is an issue of over-intensive parking of vehicles on this wide section of footway. However, there is currently an on-going issue of footway ownership to be resolved before any parking restrictions can be instituted. Currently, it would appear that no BCC Officer feels empowered to take ownership of this issue and take it forward.

7. Footway Refurbishment Schemes, 2014/15

In a Paper presented to the last NP, a total of 16 footway maintenance schemes were listed for prioritisation (Appendix 2). However, the total value of the 16 schemes - £408k – far exceeds the NP’s annual budget of £63k! The Transport WG was actioned by the NP to review the 16 schemes and present their recommendations to the June NP.

After much debate, the following schemes were prioritised:

- F15: Grange Park (remainder that was not funded in 2013/14) - £4.5k
- F3: Kellaway Avenue (remainder that was not funded in 2013/14) - £17k
- F9: Druid Stoke Avenue - £8k
- F5: Priory Court Road (but only half) - £12k
- F2: The Crescent (but only half) - £17k
- F6: Sandyleaze (Part) – £balance

However, until the first five schemes are completed (or more accurately costed), the balance available for F6 will not be known.

8. Recommendations

The **Neighbourhood Committee** is requested to:

1. **Commit** £8k of Section 106 money (ZCD 967) to funding an RTI display board plus a raised mounting platform at the bus stop near Rockside Drive (Item 4, above).
2. **Approve** commitment of the NP’s Minor Traffic Schemes budget to fund a pedestrian crossing on Shirehampton Road and additional parking restrictions in and around Westbury village in 2014/16; plus additional parking restrictions in Henleaze in 2016/17 (Item 5 above).
3. **Approve** commitment of the NP’s 2014/15 Footway Refurbishment budget to the six schemes detailed in Item 7, above.

The **Neighbourhood Partnership** is requested to:

4. **Note** the current progress with the City-wide 20mph Rollout Scheme (Item 2, above).

5. **Note** the continuing lack of progress with removing the remaining section of bus lane on the approach to the White Tree roundabout, or the publication of any traffic surveys to justify its retention (Item 3, above).
6. **Note** the current progress with the minor traffic schemes, previously sanctioned by the NP (Item 5, above).
7. **Pursue** the revocation of the BCC's "one scheme per year" diktat for Minor Traffic Schemes in this Neighbourhood Partnership (Item 5, above).
8. **Pursue** resolution of the on-going issue of footway ownership in Westbury Road to enable parking restrictions to be introduced (Item 5, above).

Alan Aburrow
Chairman, Transport Working Group
(20 May 2014)

Appendix 1

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

Transport Working Group

Highway Issues Reviewed in WG Report to June 2014 NP

Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Status
H111	Hen	Southmead Rd/Henleaze Rd/Eastfield Rd junction	Better traffic management at this junction with the inclusion of pedestrian crossing(s).	Outline proposals for a new development on the "Quarry Leaze" site could refocus the need for improvements at this junction
H114	Hen	Northumbria Drive - exit from Waitrose car park	Safety concerns for pedestrians crossing car park exit	A recent Planning Application, submitted by Waitrose to revamp their car park arrangements with a redesigned entrance was granted on 2 May 2014
H115	Hen	Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco	Safety concerns for pedestrians on pavement	Design Study completed but further detailed investigation work requested prior to consultation
H117	Hen	Henleaze Road/ Northumbria Drive Junction	Excessive speed of traffic entering mini-roundabout	Design Study completed but proposals would appear not to offer any marked improvements
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.	Design Study completed for pavement build-outs and proposals should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation
H123	Hen	West Broadway and South Croft	Excessive speed of vehicles travelling along West Broadway and South Croft	Feasibility study currently in progress
H125	Hen	Coldharbour Road, between Cairns Road and Halsbury Road	Install pedestrian crossing.	Design Study completed and proposals should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation
H127	Hen	Downs Park West, junct with Henleaze Rd	Inconsiderate parking on junction	Additional parking restrictions in Henleaze are included in a Scheme proposed for adoption in 2016/17
H128	Hen	Wanscow Walk, junct with Henleaze Road	Inconsiderate parking on junction	
H129	Hen	Henley Grove junction with Henleaze Road	Extend parking restrictions further along Henley Grove	
H130	Hen	Brean Down Ave, junction with White Tree Road	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	
H131	Hen	Eastfield junction with Eastfield Road	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Additional parking restrictions in and around Westbury village are included in a Scheme proposed for adoption in 2014/16
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	Additional parking restrictions in Henleaze are included in a Scheme proposed for adoption in 2016/17
H135	Hen	Downs Park East, junct with Henleaze Rd	Inconsiderate parking on junction	
S106	SB	Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road	Parking and one-way restrictions have been requested	
S111	SB	Cooks Folly Rd/Knowle Hill junction	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	The Downs parking review has been completed and should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation
S113	SB	Seawalls Road & Seawalls	Parking problems around junction	
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	

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S117	SB	Shirehampton Road	Possible requirement for a crossing point when new Children's Playground is built on Stoke Lodge	Scheme proposed for adoption in 2014/16
W109	WoT	Eastfield Road (near top of Waters Lane)	Pavement build-outs and pedestrian crossing improvements, including the widening of footways between Albert Place and Waters Lane.	A new pedestrian crossing point was sanctioned at the March 2014 NP. This work will now proceed.
W112	WoT	Stoke Lane, from Falcondale Rd to Parry's Lane	Undertake a parking review to include parking restrictions at all junctions (including Abbey Gate)	Public Consultation closed on 12 January 2014 and the results are being evaluated, prior to formal consultation for the requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
W114	WoT	Chock Lane	Introduce traffic-calming measures	Funding for two over-runnable chicanes and footway improvements was sanctioned at the March 2014 NP. This work will now proceed.
W117	WoT	Southmead Road, near Alexandra Road	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Design Study completed and proposals should proceed to public consultation, prior to implementation
W119	WoT	Falcondale Road, near junction with Greystoke Avenue	Introduce a pedestrian crossing, across Falcondale Road	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	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W123	WoT	Falcondale Road	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	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	Introduce a "Clearway" during peak hours, cost £10k	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W126	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Stoke Lane junction	Improvements to the capacity of the Stoke Lane junction, cost approx £25k	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W127	WoT	Falcondale Road/ Henbury Road junction	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
W132	WoT	Eastfield Road, at Cote Lea Park junction	Difficulty for pedestrians using crossing point, due to parked vehicles restricting visibility	Additional parking restrictions in and around Westbury village are included in a Scheme proposed for adoption in 2014/16
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	Included in CPNN mitigation review
W135	WoT	Cote Lea Park junction with Pinewood Close	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers	Additional parking restrictions in and around Westbury village are included in a Scheme proposed for adoption in 2014/16
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	
W138	WoT	Westbury Road	Inconsiderate parking on footway between Falcondale Road and Southfield Road	

2014/15 Footway Refurbishment Schemes (Budget £63k)
(Presented to the March 2014 NP for Prioritisation)

Ref	Location	Ward	Estimated cost	Score
F1 (M105)	Hill View	Henleaze	£53,000	85
F2 (M116)	The Crescent	Henleaze	£34,000	85
F3* (M117)	Kellaway Avenue (Between no.49 & Lansdown Terrace)	Henleaze	£17,000	80
F4	Lakewood Rd (Between Lakewood Crescent & end of road)	Westbury-on-Trym	£35,000	80
F5	Priory Court Road	Westbury-on-Trym	£24,000	80
F6	Sandyleaze (Between Hammond Gardens & Canford Lane)	Westbury-on-Trym	£21,500	75
F7 (M130)	Westover Road & Area.	Westbury-on-Trym	£38,000	70
F8 (M131)	Southmead Rd & Henleaze Rd (Wellington Hill West - Pyecroft Ave)	Henleaze	£19,000	65
F9	Druid Stoke Avenue	Stoke Bishop	£8,000	65
F10	Walliscote Road & Area	Henleaze	£15,000	60
F11 (M132)	Great Brockridge (Reedley Rd-Downs Rd)	Westbury-on-Trym	£20,000	60
F12 (M123)	Canford Lane (North side)	Westbury-on-Trym	£40,000	60
F13 (M122)	Canford Lane (South side)	Westbury-on-Trym	£38,000	60
F14 (M120)	Sabrina Way	Stoke Bishop	£26,000	60
F15*	Grange Park	Henleaze	£4,500	60
F16	Dorset Road & Area.	Henleaze	£15,000	55

Note: Scheme F11 was subsequently removed from this list due to major utility work scheduled in the area during 2014/15.