

**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership
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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).

There is a growing mood of frustration within the Transport Working Group that whilst the NP has a devolved annual budget for minor traffic schemes, there are insufficient resources available within BCC's Highways function to deliver the identified schemes.

Therefore, we are forced to conclude that the NP's Minor Traffic Schemes are placed at the very bottom of the Highways' "food chain" as a result of the Council's 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.

This Financial Year, the NP was allocated a devolved budget of £51k for Minor Traffic Schemes and, to date, has been able to allocate only £13.5k. The Highways' diktat of "one minor traffic scheme per year per NP" is seriously hampering our ability to deliver schemes from our devolved budget.

Just what is the point in giving the NP a devolved annual budget for minor traffic schemes, if there are insufficient resources within BCC to spend it?

The diktat of one minor traffic scheme per year per NP was discussed at the June NP Meeting and Councillor Gollop (Deputy Mayor) took an Action to raise the issue with Assistant Mayors Mark Bradshaw and Gus Hoyt to try and improve the situation. To date, **no amelioration proposals have been received.**

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 the June NP Meeting, the Area Manager (Highways Division) took an Action to produce a "draft monitoring plan" to review the current situation. The plan was subsequently circulated to NP Members for comment, prior to execution. We are **currently awaiting the results** of the monitoring survey, due to be completed before the Christmas school holiday period and, more importantly, any interpretation ascribed to the survey results.

3. Minor Traffic Schemes

Particulars for all the Highway Issues referenced in this Section are further amplified in Appendix 1. Many of these ongoing schemes were sanctioned by the NP from previous years' devolved budgets. Consequently, no progress has been made with either of the schemes sanctioned at the June NP for delivery in 2014/16, whilst the backlog is being addressed.

Currently, the on-going schemes include:

1. **Junction of Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and Eastfield Road (H111) – The Section 106 Agreement sanctioned as part of a Planning Application (14/01347/F)**

to redevelop the “Quarry Leaze” site (for 32 sheltered units) includes the provision of a new zebra crossing across the Henleaze Road dual carriageway, plus other “improvements” to the local bus stops. The S106 Agreement was drawn up without reference to the Transport Working Group, although it was forwarded to the Henleaze councillors for information.

2. **Eastfield Road, at top of Waters Lane** (W109A) - a new pedestrian crossing point was sanctioned at the March NP and is being progressed (slowly!).
3. **Stoke Lane Area parking review** (W112) - the requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been sealed and the associated yellow lining will now be progressed.
4. **Chock Lane traffic-calming** (W114) – funding for over-runnable chicanes and footway improvements was sanctioned at the March NP and work is currently being progressed. The first phase included the provision of “pavements” (red surface-dressed sections of highway) in early September but poor workmanship by the Council’s contractor failed to meet the specified requirements and remedial work will be necessary. Site work for the chicanes has yet to proceed.
5. **Henleaze Road, Tesco Access** (H115A) - this issue is currently being evaluated, prior to public consultation for any proposed improvements.
6. **Park Grove pavement build-outs** (H118) - should proceed to public consultation by end of this year, prior to implementation.
7. **The Downs Parking Review** (including S106, S111, S113, S114) – the public consultation closed on 21 September and feedback from the comments is being evaluated, prior to proceeding to a Formal Consultation.
8. **Southmead Road zebra crossing** (W117) - the public consultation closed on 5 October. As a result of the comments received, an alternative location for the crossing is being assessed, prior to execution.
9. **Coldharbour Road zebra crossing** (H125) - the public consultation closed on 5 October and the comments are being evaluated, prior to execution.
10. **Shirehampton Road** (S117) – the funding for a pedestrian crossing point, near Stoke Lodge, was sanctioned at the last NP for implementation during 2014/16. Draft plans will be drawn up for local consultation. No progress to date.
11. **Additional Parking Restrictions in and around Westbury village** (including W132, W135, W136, H131, W139, W140, W142 and possibly W138) - funding was sanctioned at the last NP for implementation during 2014/16 - subject to local consultation. No progress to date.
12. **Additional Parking Restrictions in Henleaze** (including H127 - H132 and H135) - funding was sanctioned at the last NP for implementation during 2016/17 - subject to local consultation.
13. **Falcondale Road/Westbury Road Junction** (W121) - Following a pedestrian accident on the Zebra Crossing, the long-standing safety issues at this junction and its associated Zebra Crossings have been reviewed. As it could be a long time before any CPNN mitigation funding was available for the A4018 corridor, several short-term palliative measures have been instigated. These include (i) extending the length of the zigzag lines down the hill, to help improve awareness for drivers approaching the crossing, (ii) erecting a static warning sign on the hill, (iii) repair/enhance the Belisha Beacons, with the possible inclusion of LED “halos” for added visibility and (iv) provide a buff-coloured anti-skid surface on the approach to the crossing next Spring (as application requires dry/warm weather).

The whole length of the A4018 corridor from Cribbs Causeway into Bristol is currently subject to close scrutiny by BCC’s highways engineers, in order to improve traffic flow and minimise congestion arising from the proposed 8,000-plus 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:

- **Falcondale Road/Greystoke Avenue** junction (W119 & W133)

- **Falcondale Road/Westbury Road** junction (W121)
- **Falcondale Road**, improvements to the capacity of all signalised junctions and the possible introduction of a Clearway (W123, W124, W125, W126, & W127).

Along with many residents in north Bristol, we eagerly await any mitigation proposals.

4. Westbury Road Pavement

There is an on-going issue (W138) of over-intensive parking of vehicles on this wide section of footway between Falcondale Road and Southfield Road. The Area Manager (Highways Division) has confirmed that following receipt of the final Stopping-Up Order from the DfT for the area in front of numbers 138 to 150 Westbury Road, the Council has been able to confirm that the remaining footway areas along Westbury Road are adopted public highway. This has clarified ownership of the various areas and will enable any remaining issues over pavement parking to be addressed as necessary.

5. Footway Refurbishment Schemes, 2014/15

There was a backlog of footway refurbishment schemes from last year and this has been progressed. Schemes now completed are Farne Close, Montroy Close and Glen Drive. At the June NP Meeting, the Neighbourhood Committee agreed to fund the following six footway maintenance schemes from the 2014/15 devolved budget and their current status, as reported to the WG's October Meeting, is:

Grange Park (remainder that was not funded in 2013/14) - complete
 Kellaway Avenue (remainder that was not funded in 2013/14) – order placed
 Druid Stoke Avenue – order to be placed
 Priory Court Road (but only half) – order to be placed
 The Crescent (but only half) – order to be placed
 Sandyleaze (Part) – order to be placed

6. Recommendations

The **Neighbourhood Partnership** is requested to:

1. **Note** the inability of the NP to effectively allocate its devolved annual minor traffic schemes budget due to a lack of resources in the Council's Highways function and
2. **Request** that the NP take whatever steps are appropriate to rectify this indefensible position. (Item 1, above).
3. **Note** the lack of progress with 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).
4. **Note** the current slow progress with the minor traffic schemes previously sanctioned by the NP and the potential impact of additional traffic volumes on the A4018, arising from the Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) (Item 3, above).
5. **Note** the progress with establishing the issue of footway ownership in Westbury Road, prior to developing any parking restrictions (Item 4, above).
6. **Note** the progress with the backlog of footway refurbishment schemes from 2013/14 and the current status of schemes sanctioned for 2014/15 (Item 5, above).

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Highway Issues Reviewed in WG Report to December 2014 NP

Ref	Ward	Location	Details	Progress	Status
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
H115	Hen	Henleaze Road, exit from Tesco	Safety concerns for pedestrians on pavement	A review of current parking restrictions adjacent to entrance was sanctioned at June 2012 NP.	Report complete (see also H115A)
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	Under Review
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 by end of this year, prior to implementation.	In progress
H125	Hen	Coldharbour Road, between Cairns Road and Halsbury Road	Install pedestrian crossing.	Public consultation closed on 5 October and the comments are 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	Parking Review sanctioned at June 2014 NP for inclusion in 2016/17 budget
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	
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	
H131	Hen	Eastfield junction with Eastfield Road	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	
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)	
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
S106	SB	Rockleaze, Downleaze and Circular Road	Parking and one-way restrictions have been requested.	Public consultation closed on 21 September and feedback from the comments is being evaluated, prior to proceeding to a Formal Consultation	In progress
S110	SB	Parry's Lane/Abbey Gate	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	Included with W112	In progress

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S111	SB	Cooks Folly Rd/Knowle Hill junction	Introduce parking restrictions at junction	The Downs Parking Review consultation closed on 21 September and feedback from the comments is being evaluated, prior to proceeding to a Formal Consultation	In progress
S113	SB	Seawalls Road & Seawalls	Parking problems around junction		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 when new Children's Playground is built on Stoke Lodge	Scheme sanctioned at June 2014 NP for inclusion in 2014/16 programme	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 - 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	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers exiting Portway	Parking Restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review	Under Review
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.	Cost estimated at approx £10k. Design Study and consultation (£3k) sanctioned at June 2012 NP.	In progress See also W109A
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
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)	The requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been sealed and the associated yellow lining will now be progressed	In progress
W114	WoT	Chock Lane	Introduce traffic-calming measures	Design Study complete. Footway improvements and 3 over-runnable chicanes being progressed. Problems with the Council's contractor have delayed progress.	In progress
W115	WoT	Great Brockeridge/ Downs Road	Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of junction, to alleviate inconsiderate parking	Included with W112	In progress
W116	WoT	Reedley Road/ Briarwood junction	Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of junction, to alleviate inconsiderate parking	Included with W112	In progress
W117	WoT	Southmead Road, near Alexandra Road	Incorporate pedestrian crossing with existing central pedestrian refuge.	Public Consultation closed 5 October 2014 and feedback being assessed prior to implementation.	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	Review accident statistics with a view to the relocation of both crossing points. Design Study sanctioned at Dec 2013 NP, subsequently decision reversed at March 2014 NP.	Included in CPNN mitigation 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

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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
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
W130	WoT	Glenwood Road	Provide double yellow lines opposite allocated parking spaces to maintain adequate access for traffic.	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") included with W117	In progress
W131	WoT	Abbey Road, junction with Falcondale Road	Provide double yellow lines in Abbey Road to enable free passage of traffic into and out of Abbey Road	Included with W112	In progress
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	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
W135	WoT	Cote Lea Park junction with Pinewood Close	Inconsiderate parking on junction, reducing visibility for drivers	Parking restrictions ("yellow lines") to be included in next local parking review - see 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	Review current parking restrictions with a view to providing additional double yellow lines. Parking Review sanctioned at June 2014 NP	In progress
W137	WoT	Channells Hill	One-way street being used in "wrong" direction	Provide additional signage at bottom of Channells Hill - to be included with W114	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") 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 CPNN mitigation review or local parking review - see W136	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