

# Horfield and Lockleaze NP 18<sup>th</sup> September

Agenda Item 11.

## Any other Business

1. GBCP letter and attachment
2. Henbury Loop support letter from HB&S
3. TreeForum paper



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c/o Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG

### **To the Chairs of Neighbourhood Partnerships across Bristol**

Dear Chair,

This is an invitation to talk to us.

The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership is developing a network of green walkways across Southville and Bedminster wards. We are aiming for 30 miles by the end of 2015. We will be encouraging local people to remove clutter from the streets and add more planting, community gardens and art work. We will seek to improve signage, add seats and other features.

We think that this will benefit all residents, but especially older people who often find our streets intimidating and difficult and children who, compared to earlier times, are often not allowed to venture into their own community unescorted.

Many of our ideas are drawn from other cities, but we are also aware of the **Walking Strategy for Bristol: Our Vision for 2011-21.**

A network in two wards may be a good start, but we need a city-wide network. In particular, GBCP wants its network to extend into the NPs next to us, ie Dundry View; Filwood, Knowle & Windmill Hill; Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill and Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East. But, we are also very interested in ideas that may be brewing in other NPs.

Please get back to us if you are interested in discussing how we might progress with a city-wide network of green walkways and let us know if you

have already embarked on a similar programme. We'd love to pinch your ideas (sorry, learn from your experience).

Attached is **Our Great Street Check List** which, we hope, will shortly be adopted by our management board. We are already inviting residents to mark their street against this. As you would imagine, many streets already score highly, but some have a long way to go.

Responses, please, to the GBCP Secretary on [benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours etc,

Stef Brammar and Matthew Symonds,  
Co-Chairs of GBCP.

10 September 2014



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The 10 points below have been consulted on across the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership. That consultation will continue and a final version (we are pretty close) will go to the partnership meeting on September 22 2014 for adoption.

### **Our Great Street Check List**

1. Most people know most people, at least to nod and smile to, and residents of all ages interact freely and feel safe and welcome in the street. Lots of people walking and cycling.
2. Lots of Good Garden Awards with interesting and bright gardens, window boxes and hanging baskets.
3. Minimal obstructions, dirt and clutter on the pavement.
4. Considerate car parking and car speeds within the law.
5. Any odd spaces developed as 'community gardens' rather than fly-tipping opportunities; art work on some walls.
6. Communication – street noticeboard, emails/social media, face-to-face meetings.
7. Sharing, swapping, street library etc.
8. Informal support networks, eg baby sitting, taking in parcels, lifts for older people, garden advice.
9. At least one BBQ, street party, playing out or other community event per year.
10. Organised into a residents' group, neighbourhood watch etc linked to wider area networks such as the neighbourhood partnership.

How does your street do?

**We, the neighbourhood partnership for Henbury, Brentry and Southmead wish to make plain our support for the Metrowest proposals and furthermore express our aspiration to see the Henbury opened as a loop.**

As such we:

- Fully support the opening of a Henbury Loop in North Bristol, with new Stations at Ashley Down, Horfield, Filton North and Henbury and believes that an additional stop at Charlton should be explored.
- Urge the Mayor to contact the Local Enterprise Partnership and demand that the SEP reflects all party support for the Loop, and that the future population and business growth is reflected in their business model that justifies this.
- To lobby Government for a 10 year transport funding allocation from the national Major Transport Scheme Budget to enable delivery of the Greater Bristol Metro in its entirety. At present the budget is split into one six year and a further four year allocation. This is a barrier for the early delivery of the entire Metrowest scheme.
- Wishes to prioritise improvements to our existing station network. In February the Council unanimously agreed to support a £1.5m tier 2 capital scheme to expand on the Rail Stations Improvement Programme. This is a priority for this Council and our City. Plans should be expedited and work commenced as soon as possible.
- Requests the Mayor contacts the Leader of South Gloucestershire to explore ways in which developer contributions from the new Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood can be used to cover the construction costs of at least two stations in North Bristol. In addition a further contribution is secured towards the engineering work required to upgrade the track.

We would like the Mayor to respond to each of these proposals and use them as a blueprint to pursue the early delivery of the loop.

Yours sincerely,

Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership

Letter from Clive Stevens, Chair, Bristol TreeForum

**Your Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is requested to consider whether tree planting should become a priority in your Neighbourhood. You may decide tonight or request further information before deciding later in the year. Please communicate any decision or request to Richard Ennion (Bristol City Council).**

Dear Neighbourhood Partnership,

In case you are not aware of Bristol's TreeForum; we are made up of hundreds of volunteers, councillors, officers and representatives from other bodies like the Universities. Our aim is to increase the tree cover of Bristol because recent studies show how important trees are to the health of residents in a city. Trees reduce air pollution, flood risk and the dangerous effects of summer heat-waves. Trees do have some downsides but nowadays these can be managed. Studies show the benefits of trees often outweigh the costs by five to one or more.

The TreeForum has been working on your behalf, behind the scenes, for some years now; securing developer contributions (S106 money) and working with the Council to come up with some simple and relatively inexpensive tree planting approaches. These are now ready and we can submit these new approaches to you if you wish.

You should note that there is no longer any available funding in the council specifically for new and replacement trees (including dead street trees and stumps). In light of this we are asking your NP to consider using devolved funding in the future to invest in trees in your neighbourhood. You may already have s106 contributions allocated for tree planting, and the Mayor's PIPS scheme may be planting trees in your area, you may also wish to allocate funds from your well-being fund. But some other sources will be easier to access if your NP decides that tree planting is to become one of your NP's Priorities. These other sources include BGC2015's initial tranche of £10,000, centrally sourced sponsorship, plus help in setting up local initiatives which NP3 (Henleaze Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym) and NP6 (Bishopston Cotham and Redland) are running pilots this year.

So I am writing to you to ask your NP to formally consider making trees a priority for your Neighbourhood. There is no urgency as we couldn't cope

with all the remaining NPs signing up at once but if you do it will make it easier for you to improve the look of local streets, shops and parks.