



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Recommendation: This report is for information and discussion purposes only

Background

1. The National Health Service Plan 2000 envisaged increasing the concentration of hospital specialisms in fewer, more specialised centres supported by a range of local community hospitals. Local policy interpretation of this resulted in the identification of the Southmead Hospital site as the preferred location for the accommodation of new acute and community hospital facilities. Frenchay Hospital will then be changed to a community hospital.
2. In terms of employment, it was estimated that there would be an increase in whole time equivalent staff (WTE) at

Southmead from around 4,650 to around 6,500 with a decrease from around 3,400 to 300 at Frenchay by 2013.

3. The outline planning application (05/04740/P/N) for the redevelopment of Southmead Hospital (registered with Bristol City Council on 16th December 2005) stated that 1,650 parking spaces were currently on-site, of which 1,200 were for staff. The development of the site would increase the number of parking spaces to 2,700, of which a similar proportion as before is anticipated to be for staff.
4. The planning application was granted permission subject to the completion of a section 106 planning agreement in 2006 between Bristol City Council and North Bristol NHS Trust (hereafter referred to as the Trust). The agreement included the following financial obligations:
 - i. Public Transport Contribution – three instalments of £500,000 to be spent on providing additional public transport services;
 - ii. Junction Improvement Contribution – £425,000 to be spent on ‘junction improvement works’ at the junction of Pen Park Road and Southmead Road;
 - iii. On-street Parking Contribution - £50,000 to be used towards traffic management and/or parking restrictions;
 - iv. North Fringe Major Development Contribution - £500,000 paid to and spent by South Gloucestershire Council for and on improvements to the ring road and its associated junctions.
5. The new main hospital building was handed over to North Bristol NHS Trust in April 2014 with patient transfers from Frenchay taking place in May 2014.
6. The phasing of the development of the site will mean that only approximately 1,400 parking spaces will be available on-site in the first year of the new hospitals use as the additional parking will be constructed in place of buildings in use up until the hand over.

Work so far

1. Officers have worked with the Trust and South Gloucestershire Council to introduce improved bus services to Southmead Hospital. These service improvements commenced in April.
2. A study of the Pen Park Road/Southmead Road junction was completed in 2013. The conclusion of the assessment was that, with the funding available and within the boundary of land available, no change to the design of the junction could be found that would not either, compromise pedestrian movement through/around the junction, or increase queuing at the junction.
3. Council Officers therefore negotiated a package of schemes to use the “Junction Improvement Contribution” differently:
 - i. Improved pedestrian facilities around the junction
 - ii. Minor junction improvements on the A38
 - iii. Cycle route improvements
 - iv. Funding to address parking issues
4. Local residents have been providing evidence of parking issues in their streets. These are being registered and will be used to inform the design of any parking schemes in the area.

Current work programme

1. Parking surveys are being commissioned to review the problems. Solutions will then be generated in consultation with the community.
2. Civil Enforcement Officers will continue to enforce parking restrictions where possible. Particular problems relating to enforcement should be directed to Parking Services (parking.services@bristol.gov.uk; 0117 922 3091).

