



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

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**Recommendations:**

1. Note the information in the report
2. Neighbourhood Committee to make final decision on s106 allocation

## **1. Wallscourt Farm s106 (Oliver Coltman)**

### *Background*

The proposal for the Romney Avenue Bus Link (the Bus Link) was developed as part of the outline planning application for the Redrow development known as Wallscourt Farm.

The Wallscourt Farm development, combined with the adjacent site in South Gloucestershire, form part of the wider “Cheswick” Masterplan for the area of land along the Bristol/South Gloucestershire boundary, between University of the West of England (UWE), MOD Abbey Wood and Stoke Park.

The outline planning application for Wallscourt Farm established the need for a public transport connection between the new housing and the North Fringe and Lockleaze.

A contribution to deliver this connection was included in the section 106 agreement.

### *Construction of the Bus Link*

Planning approval for the Bus Link was granted in April 2011 and construction started June 2011.

In August 2011 construction stopped as ground conditions on-site meant the drainage design would not work.

A revised design for the drainage was developed and funds from the Transport Capital Programme were allocated to cover the increase in project cost.

Main construction of the Bus Link was completed at the end of 2013. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was sealed in August 2014 so that the Bus Link is restricted to buses and cycles only. The TRO will be enforced with ANPR CCTV cameras linked to the bus lane enforcement system.

### Public Transport Contribution

The section 106 for the Wallscourt Farm development included £100,000 (index linked) to be spent on public transport improvements to routes and services serving the development and its locality.

The original intent was for the monies to contribute to planned works to the A38 corridor.

Following a Deed of Variation, the contribution is due to be paid to the Council by 1st Feb 2015.

The contribution must be spent within 5 years of receipt.

### Proposal

- Allocate £30,000 to purchase and install the ANPR CCTV cameras necessary to enforce the restricted use of the Bus Link.
- The expenditure of the remaining monies (approx. £100,000) to be determined in consultation with the community and BCC Transport Officers.

- Due to the anticipated local changes to the bus network over the coming year, it is recommended that new service patterns be allowed to 'bed in' before making any firm decisions on how to invest the money.

## **2. Southmead Hospital Parking Update**

A working group has been set up to tackle problem parking. The group is formed of Southmead Hospital travel team, Police, Travel West, Bristol City Council Transport department and Neighbourhood Officers. Councillors and Neighbourhood Partnership members will be kept up to date through the Partnership Transport Sub Group and Forums. The group are working to an Action Plan which was discussed at the Last Traffic and Transport meeting and at the Horfield Forum. The latest news on this project will be discussed at the meeting.