



**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH PARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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RECOMMENDATIONS – to note the updates and dates for diaries on the following:

- 1. NP City Wide Event – 3rd Event**
- 2. Parks, Green Spaces and Play Areas Freelance Fundraiser**
- 3. Proposal to join the Bristol Walking Alliance**
- 4. South Bristol Housing Zone**

1. NP City Wide Event

You are all invited to the next city-wide Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on:

Wednesday 20th July 2016 at
Central Library
6.30-8.30pm.

There will be a discussion about the parks investment programme, to celebrate the work of the Neighbourhood Partnerships towards delivering their Neighbourhood Partnership plans and to discuss the City-Wide Neighbourhood Priorities, which are Community Resources, Hate Crime & Cohesion, Employment, Environment, Health, Highways and Transport, Parks and Young People.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to nominate attendees and decide if they want a 15 min slot to share key pieces of work linked to the NP plan or any of the City-Wide priorities please contact hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk

2. Parks, Green Spaces and Play Areas Freelance Fundraiser

The NP area has a number of parks, green spaces and play areas across the two wards.

Local communities have been working hard to improve the facilities and accessibility to these spaces with the support of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

It has been recognised that there is a need for additional support; however there is also a need to identify what the improvements are across the Parks, Green Spaces and Play Areas. Specifically we know that there is a gap in Play provision within the Hengrove & Whitchurch Park ward.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is further asked to discuss and advise of the process of identifying the improvements and discuss the possibility of allocating resources from the Neighbourhood Budget to commission a consultant, with the view that the consultant would assist the Neighbourhood Partnership and local park groups to fundraise to both match fund against already identified funds or raise new funds.

3. Proposal to join the Bristol Walking Alliance

Background

The Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) has been up and running since last year, though not officially 'launched' until May 17 2016. In its own words, "The Bristol Walking Alliance is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol's walking environment. We want to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive." Its aim, set out in its manifesto) is 'to make Bristol the best city for walking in the world.'

This proposal, supported by our Environment Group, recommends the Neighbourhood Partnership to join the Alliance, and commit to its aims – just as four other NPs have already done.

Why do it?

- Because everyone walks. So it's important that walking shouldn't be made more difficult by obstructed pavements and other hazards (like this one
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in Whittock Road!).

- Because walking is one of the healthiest activities for all age groups and all abilities
- Because the motorised alternatives to walking all bring health and environmental disbenefits
- Because Neighbourhood Partnerships have a role in advising the council and others in all those local decisions that affect walkers – and the Walking Alliance can help channel our concerns
- Because our NP area already includes a number of active walking groups.
- Because walking locally strengthens a sense of 'place'.



Council context

Cllr Fi Hance is now the Cabinet Member who leads on City Health & Well-being. Her brief will include implementing the Mayor's public health agenda, which has specific 'asks' such as:

- an accelerated updating of the Walking Strategy;
 - progress on the Living Heart agenda for the city centre;
 - encouragement for Neighbourhood Partnerships to develop their approaches to walking, including support for Bristol Walking Alliance's 'Walkable Neighbourhoods' event later this year;
 - adoption of appropriate design standards for infrastructure works; (not sure what that means)
 - recognition that walking is not cycling, although the interests of the two
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are often aligned.

What is the ask?

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to appoint one member to convene a group of NP members and residents with an interest in promoting walking, or this could be with an existing sub group of the NP such as the Environment Group and to represent it at meetings (currently monthly) of the BWA.

4. South Bristol Housing Zone

Overview

In 2015, the government announced the creation and designation of Housing Zones across the country. The purpose of a Housing Zone is to use redundant brownfield land for housing developments.

We were successful in our application for the South Bristol Housing Zone. The zone is made up of seven sites in the Filwood, Hengrove, Whitchurch Park and Windmill Hill wards.

These include the following sites we own:

- Hengrove Park
- former Hartcliffe Campus
- former Florence Brown School site
- former Whitehouse Centre, Fulford Road
- Kingswear

They also include the following sites that the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) owns:

- Filwood Park
- former Marksbury Road College site

Aim of the Housing Zone

The Housing Zone status will give us and the HCA the opportunity to work together with local communities to create:

- high quality housing
- a housing market that meets local housing need

The Bristol Local Plan sets the development considerations for each site in the South Bristol Housing Zone. Our priority is to create housing and employment space to the area, as set out in the [Site Allocations](#) document.

The Housing Zone feasibility study

The HCA has given us funding for a feasibility study to explore how we could develop the sites.

The study will consider:

- how the sites will meet the requirements set out in the [Bristol Local Plan](#)
- the infrastructure requirements and costs for each site and potential funding sources
- the role we could play in creating quality housing
- the best way to engage with developers to create quality housing
- a realistic programme for delivery
- the challenges and constraints we'll need to overcome for each site
- the future of Hengrove Park Phase 2

The Knowle West Regeneration Framework (KWRF)

The feasibility study will build on the work we did towards the [Knowle West Regeneration Framework](#).

Proposals for the sites that come forward in the KWRF area will be in line with the recommendations in the framework.

Hengrove Park

Hengrove Park is the largest and most significant site within the Housing Zone.

Hengrove Park received planning consent for mixed use development in 2005. This wasn't implemented and eventually became superseded by Phase 1, which includes the Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, Skills Academy, South Bristol Community Hospital, development plots and associated infrastructure.

Development plots in Hengrove Park Phase 1

We have released the plot to the south of Hengrove Leisure Centre to a developer ahead of the feasibility study. This will be the first plot of housing at Hengrove Park. We chose it because of its location and potential to deliver homes for the community very quickly, in line with the [Site Allocations document](#).

The site already benefits from the necessary roads and access points built for Phase 1. It's a relatively contained part of the site, bounded by the existing road layout to the north, east and south, and by the Mounds to the west.

There are three smaller plots next to the car parks and the Skills Academy building that will be considered as part of the Housing Zone study.

Developers for the Phase 1 housing development

We have chosen Kier Living as the developer for a site within Phase 1 to build around 250 new homes.

The developer will be consulting with the community on the detailed plans as part of the preparation of a planning application later this year.

Hengrove Park Phase 2

Almost 50 hectares remain available for development in Phase 2. The site will be used for:

- 1,000 new homes
- offices
- a large high quality public park

The Mounds

The area known as The Mounds is designated a Site of Nature Conservation Interest. It's not included within the Site Allocations document.

Engaging with the local community

We want to engage with the community in a meaningful way around the results we can achieve.

The feasibility work will inform our discussions with the community. We believe it will take about six months to complete.

We plan to engage with the community in autumn 2016.

Background information and timeline

2005: Hengrove Park [planning application](#)

2007: Hengrove Park Phase 1 planning applications:

- [South Bristol Community Hospital](#)
 - [Skills Academy](#)
 - [Leisure Centre](#)
 - [Infrastructure](#) Phase 1
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2011: [Core Strategy](#) adopted in June 2011

2012: Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, South Bristol Community Hospital, and Skills Academy opened

2012: Knowle West Regeneration Framework [agreed by Cabinet](#)

2014: [Site allocations](#) and development management policies adopted

2014: [Metrobus planning approvals](#) in place

2015: [Metrobus](#) construction starts

2015: [Housing Land Prospectus](#) published

2015: South Bristol Housing Zone [designation](#)

2016: We [announce Kier Living](#) as the housing developers for Phase 1 Hengrove Park

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