



**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH PARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
28TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

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Title: Consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood (Planning) Area and a Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the consultation on the: Proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area and Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Hengrove & Whitchurch Park ward

Hengrove and Whitchurch Park - Applications for designation of a Neighbourhood (Planning) Area and a Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum

The Localism Act November 2011 allows community groups to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood (Planning) Area and to apply to be designated as the Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum for that area. A designated Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum will then be able to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan or Neighbourhood Development Orders for the area. These documents will help to direct and encourage growth in housing, employment provision and the provision of facilities to support the community.

Should any Neighbourhood Development Plan be confirmed at a referendum it is then made part of the Development Plan for Bristol and will be used alongside the Bristol Local Plan to determine planning applications in the relevant Neighbourhood (Planning) Area.

Applications have been received to designate the ward of Hengrove and Whitchurch Park as a Neighbourhood (Planning) Area and to designate

the Hengrove and Whitchurch Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum as the Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum for that area.

The Council is inviting comments on these applications for a 6 week period from 16th September 2016 to 28th October 2016. All information relating to the applications and consultation is available on our Neighbourhood Planning web page at www.bristol.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning.

Alternatively, copies of the applications are also available to view in the following locations:

- City Hall

College Green
Bristol BS3 9FS

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

- Whitchurch Library

Oatlands Avenue
Whitchurch
Bristol BS14 0SX

Monday: 1pm to 5pm
Tuesday: 10am to 2pm
Wednesday: 1pm to 5pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 1pm to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to 2pm

The deadline for responses is **Friday 28th October 2016**. Responses should be sent:

- By e-mail to: blp@bristol.gov.uk
- By post to: **Strategic City Planning (CH)**, PO Box 3176, Bristol, BS3 9FS

Please note that if a Neighbourhood (Planning) Forum designation is made, no other organisation or body may be designated for that neighbourhood area until that designation expires (5 years from the date of designation) or is withdrawn.

For further information please contact Strategic City Planning on 0117 9036719 or email blp@bristol.gov.uk.

Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability, Sexual orientation, Age, Gender reassignment, Religion and belief; Sex, Race, Pregnancy and maternity.

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.