

Notes from Quarterly Meeting of NPN / BCC 30 January 2014

Present:

Zoe Willcox	Service Director Planning & Sustainable Development
Andy Gibbins	City Design Group Manager
Alistair Cox	Service Manager City Transport
Alison Straw	DM Inner Team Manger
Alan Morris	Bristol Civic Society
Gavin Smith	Transport for Greater Bristol
Steve Melia	Living Heart for Bristol
Wendy Pollard	Richmond Terrace Residents Association
David Wilcox	Horfield and Lockleaze NP
Simon Birch	Bristol Civic Society
Martin McDonnell	Bristol Cycling Campaign
Judy Preston	St Werburgh's Neighbourhood Association Planning group
Gabbi	BPAC Bristol Physical Action Chain
Pete Bullard	St Paul's Unlimited planning group
Molly Gallagher	Bristol Civic Society
Susan Carter	Bristol Ramblers
Hamilton Caswell	CSAQ Christmas Steps
Andy King	Kingsdown Conservation Group
Mr and Mrs R Norton	Byron Place Residents Association
Rob Telford	Councillor Ashley Ward
Sian Parry	Avon Wildlife Trust
Julian Jones	Cabot Neighbourhood Forum
Martin Garrett	Transport for Grater Bristol
Nicolette Vincent	Friends of Brandon Hill / Bristol Cathedral Trust
Pauline Allen	Kingsdown Conservation Group
David Cave	Bristol Civic Society
Roland Bruce	Ashley NP environmental subgroup
Jane Miller	Merchants Landing Residents Association
Bob Franks	Northern Slopes Initiative
John Frenkel	Bristol Civic Society
Maggie Shapland	Clifton and Hotwells Improvements Society
Richard Curtis	Planning Solutions
Willie Harbinson	Old Market Community Association
Alison Bromilow	Redland & Cotham Amenities Society
Tessa Fitzjohn	BS3 planning group

Agenda

5.30 pm	Welcome	Zoe Willcox / Alison Bromilow
5.35 pm	Public Realm and Movement Strategy / City Centre proposals as part of Hengrove North Fringe Metrobus route	Andy Gibbins
5.55	Old City	Andy Gibbins
6.10	Cycling and Walking Strategy (City Centre)	Alistair Cox
6.30	Open discussions and questions	

Presentations from Andy Gibbins and Alastair Cox are on separate documents.

Notes from the Q&A / discussion session

GS: will there be sufficient bus stop capacity on Centre? A: Currently being studied- smart ticketing will speed up boarding and reduce kerb space required- bus network review – discussion between mayor and operators

Concern about shared cycle pedestrian routes, segregated routes are needed

AC: review is underway

SM: aim of Living Heart is to get through traffic removed- Baldwin Street entrance should be omitted

Planned Corn Street closure to traffic- now delayed?

A: yes, while magistrates court site is being developed- also courts objected to Corn St closure. There is still an aspiration to close it off in due course.

SW: pointed out cyclists use LHS lane when on roads but not on shared / segregated paths- also asked about ticketing of cyclists on pavements.

NV: importance of Old Market cycle route

G: Pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters all need to work together to ensure accessible city

ZW: Education and physical environment must be right to change behaviours

PB: better access from new central area East for pedestrian and cyclists needed

AC: routes need to be completed- eg Bristol to Bath – consider whole network- need to reduce traffic to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists- red routes - separate heavy traffic from light

HC: proposals for centre will increase traffic on Triangle and Bear Pit through displacement- through route along Perry Road, Upper Maudlin Street- already at capacity

AC: overall aim is to reduce car traffic and achieve modal shift- residents parking schemes and fares review part of the programme

WP: buses are all now large and cannot serve more local areas- routes changed to accommodate vehicle

AC: this is commercial decision-

TF: people get used to shared use- segregated routes don't work as well- heavy traffic problem- can larger lorries have restricted times of access and limited access – bendy buses dangerous

AC: freight consolidation scheme already in place

AM: routes for pedestrians / buses / cyclists need defining- legible city review? AC: Not included in project

ZW: planning and transport depts. Looking holistically at 'place'

AC: talking to operators to move this on

AG: technical engineering only one aspect lighting can improve legibility

PB: involve Neighbourhood Partnerships

AC: NPs involved eg in 20 mph consultation