

# Hengrove Park

## FORUM

**Notes of Meeting Tuesday 1st Dec 2009 7pm – 8.30pm**  
**The Scout Hut, Hengrove Park, Bamfield, Bristol**

Present:	Apologies:
Andy Tyas, BCC (Chair) Ben Bennett, PCT Cllr Royston Griffey, Hartcliffe Ward Cllr Mark Brain, Hartcliffe Ward Hilary Scriven, Whitchurch Scouts John Button, Elmtree Park Residents David Stevens, Elmtree Park Residents Chris Tarr, WAD R Andrews, Elmtree Park Residents Allan Whiteley, AHF, Whitchurch Kim Avent, WAD Jane Hewer, Local Resident Andrew McLean, Bristol Community Health Lorraine Horgan, HUCP Stella Shaw, BCC	Cllr Mary Sykes Inspector Colin Salmond Sean Parry

Content & Action:	Action By:
<p><b><u>PREVIOUS NOTES/MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  <u>Notes 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009</u>: Agreed, except:                      Item 1: Hilary Scriven still hasn't been contacted by Parks.                      AT/SS to chase.</p>	<p><b>AT/SS</b></p>
<p><b><u>PHASE 1 UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><u>Community Hospital</u>                      Ben Bennett updated the Forum. Ministerial and all other approvals reported to have been granted and documentation being finalised for planned financial close on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ben thanked the Forum for their continued support over the years and stressed the need for ongoing community support for the hospital. The Forum's thanks were conveyed to Ben and his team for their efforts.</p> <p><u>City of Bristol College</u>                      AT update. On programme, and the building continues to progress towards first student intake in September 2010. Topping Off Ceremony scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> December, to which the Forum members confirmed they had been invited. Naming of the development and streets is now urgently required (see below.)</p> <p><u>Leisure Centre</u>                      All major fundamental issues were reported to be now resolved, practical construction issues being worked on,</p>	

<p>financial Due Diligence processes were underway and Financial Close predicted at the end of Jan.  <u>Computershare</u>  No further developments reported.</p>	
<p><b><u>Infrastructure Works</u></b>  It was confirmed that the security gate will be relocated to secure the construction site, when COBC opens in September.  The traffic lights were reported to have been switched on. All infrastructure works expected to be completed by Christmas.</p> <p>Q: Have the council carried out a traffic light analysis? The lights are causing delays to the traffic flow, causing traffic to back up along Whitchurch Lane. Also, the phasing isn't quite right and needs looking at.  A: I'll report these concerns to the Highways authority. They will be continuing to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Q: Regarding the layout, it would be useful to have directional markings on the approach from Whitchurch Lane. Each route could be marked up to make it clearer for people who don't know the area. Signage and road markings would also help. It's dangerous as it is now. If you're coming from Parson Street you go from 3 to 4 lanes and its unclear which lanes go where.  A: I'll report these concerns to the Traffic Design team in Highways for their review, and for technical discussions about line markings and reported tailbacks.</p> <p>Q: The traffic lights stop traffic unnecessarily when there's no traffic about.  A: BCC is reviewing/identifying junctions where traffic lights could be switched off. This one may be on the list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AT to investigate whether in off peak times the lights could be switched off.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Is the underpass staying?  A: Yes, there are no plans to remove it. People have a choice of ways over the island.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p>
<p><b><u>Constellation</u></b>  AT provided an update, reporting that the BBC are currently present on the site until mid-Feb filming the series "Daughters." High interest in the site by the film and TV industry was reported, although AT stressed that short term commitments only are possible at the current time. Decisions will follow as to medium/long term use. AT stressed that the RDA had not yet made a decision, and undertook to keep the forum updated at future meetings. It was reported that Constellation are also continuing to use</p>	

<p>the site for offices, as their plans to relocate have failed currently to materialise, and negotiations on the future uses of the Constellation site are proceeding.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public Art:</u></b></p> <p>Q: Is the public art going to be a mixture of old and new? And will it stay for a long time?</p> <p>A: The detailed design of the Plaza is being finalised and will incorporate permanent public installations. Further money is available for additional provision such as events/temporary installations once the Leisure Centre and Hospital have opened. Work on planning this will commence once construction works have started. The Forum will be included.</p>	
<p><b><u>Naming the Development:</u></b></p> <p>AT had invited the Forum to put forward ideas at the meeting, for the naming of the development and streets. A plan had been circulated to members. Naming is required to be resolved by the end of January 2010. The Programme Board will make the final decision after possibly consulting with Members.</p> <p>Q: This consultation is likely to be time consuming. Is it really going to result in naming?</p> <p>A: The naming has to happen before the Highways Authority are able to adopt the roads.</p> <p>a) Place Naming (Directional signs on the Highway will refer).</p> <p>Q: I suggest using historical factors in the name. The site used to be Whitchurch Aerodrome.</p> <p>Q: I suggest we stick with "Hengrove Park"</p> <p>A: Is there a consensus?</p> <p>Forum: (Consensus expressed with a show of hands.)</p> <p>Q: Some people may think "Hengrove Park" refers just to the open space.</p> <p>A: We want people to associate the name with all the different things that go on there.</p> <p>Q: It's important that it's called "Hengrove" as little else around here is.</p> <p>A: Those views will be taken back.</p> <p>b) Street Naming (the plan was referred to.) The existing working titles of "The Boulevard" and "The Promenade" could be retained or changed, and other roads all needed names.</p>	

<p>Q: Airport historical references could be used. I suggest "Prince George Street", "Norman Edward Street", "A-Base Street" and "Ferry Park Street."</p> <p>Q: I suggest that airport references are popular. Also William Budd St."</p> <p>Q: I suggest military aeroplane names, such as "Beaufighter St/Rd/Way", "Blenheim St/Rd/Way", or "Constellation Way."</p> <p>(The Forum agreed that aeroplane names preferred to airport organisations. Not all Forum members supported the suggestion of "William Budd.")</p> <p>AT stressed that Development partners will also be consulted.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public Transport:</u></b>  Progress was reported in that consultation with bus operators over routes has begun. COBC will generate most patronage and this is fortunate as the college will open first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AT to present routes under discussion on a map at the next Forum.</li> </ul> <p><u>Rapid Transit</u>  AT reported that there is likely to be a route within Phase 1, linking Hengrove Park with the city centre. The possible routes have been narrowed down to 3, which are forming the basis of a current consultation. AT stressed that there is no funding secured for BRT yet so ideas are still at an early stage, but the Hengrove Park infrastructure has been planned to accommodate BRT. However, actual bus services are what are currently being planned and AT is not part of the BRT consultation, which is being led in the council by Darren Peacey. Forum members were advised to check the BCC website for BRT and link Road consultation details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS to find out/circulate details of BRT consultation dates.</li> </ul> <p><u>Community Transport</u>  AT reported that existing CT doesn't cover the enormous catchment for the three buildings and there is insufficient funding for this, which would cost tens of millions to provide. Development partners will focus on providing commercial services. CT is normally used for one bespoke community or route. Also, CT is not provided by other hospitals, which rely on existing services. There is £140,000 available for CT. The council will meet CT representatives early in Jan to discuss/seek their views. It was noted that the PCT will not</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p>

<p>be extending the existing hospital bus to Hengrove Park.</p> <p>Q: Will St Annes be covered?</p> <p>A: The project's aim is to provide everyone in the catchment area within 400m of a bus stop with transport. However some areas have challenging gaps and these are still being looked at.</p>	
<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b></p> <p><u>Somerfield Site</u></p> <p>Q: When are Council staff moving in?</p> <p>A: The move is imminent.</p> <p><u>CCTV</u></p> <p>Q: Will the Plaza CCTV be temporary or permanent? How is it monitored?</p> <p>A: Those managing the site will decide what CCTV to take on in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AT to send out a CCTV plan with the minutes.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Could monitoring be taken back by the council.</p> <p>A: No decision has yet been taken. Funding issues are relevant.</p> <p>Q: Could COBC train CCTV operators, as part of the monitoring process?</p> <p>A: This is possible.</p> <p>Q: The hospital is the only building that's occupied 24hrs.</p> <p>A: All the partners have expressed an interest in maintaining the CCTV monitoring. There remain 2 years of the current management before other arrangements have to be made.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p>
<p><b>Next meeting: Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2010, 7-8.30 pm, Bamfield Scout Hut</b></p>	