

Hengrove Park

FORUM

Notes of Meeting Tuesday 26th January 2010 7pm – 8.30pm
The Scout Hut, Hengrove Park, Bamfield, Bristol

Present:	Apologies:
Andy Tyas, BCC (Chair) Cllr Jos Clark, Hengrove Ward Cllr Helen Holland, Whitchurch Park Ward Hilary Scriven, Whitchurch Scouts John Button, Elmtree Park Residents David Stevens, Elmtree Park Residents Allan Whiteley, AHF, Whitchurch David Fowgies, Hengrove Park Residents Assn Inspector Neil Topping, of Avon & Somerset Police Jane Hewer, Local Resident Lorraine Horgan, HUCP Joanna Pearce, St Bernadettes RFC Stella Shaw, BCC	Ben Bennett Gemma Collings Andrew McLean Chris Tarr Sian Parry Inspector Colin Salmon Royston Griffey Cllr Mary Sykes John Trotman

Content & Action:	Action By:
<u>PREVIOUS NOTES/MATTERS ARISING</u>	
<p><u>Notes 1st Dec 2009</u>: Agreed, except:</p> <p>ACTION: Apologies should be amended and reissued, to include Cllrs Jos Clark and Mark Sykes, Inspector Colin Salmon and Sean Parry.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p><u>Page 1:</u> It was noted that Hilary Scriven is awaiting contact from BCC Parks Department relating to security concerns re. grounds behind the Scout Hut.</p> <p>ACTION: AT to forward concerns to BCC Parks.</p> <p><u>Page 2:</u> Traffic Lights: The Forum reported continued problems with the traffic roundabout;</p> <p>ACTION: AT to report the Forum's concerns to the appropriate section in BCC.</p> <p>ACTION: AT to circulate contact details for enquiries to BCC Highways in relation to issues about the traffic lights/road markings.</p> <p><u>Page 5:</u></p> <p>ACTION: AT to notify the Forum of the number of employees working at the Somerfield building.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>

Page 5: CCTV Plan

Q: How will cameras attached to trees be effective, due to the need for growth of tree foliage?

A: The trees will be maintained to ensure the security system is effective.

PHASE 1 UPDATE

Infrastructure

Please refer to Matters Arising above for Traffic Lights update. AT reported that infrastructure works were virtually complete. Tree-planting and roads-adoption procedures are going forward, which will be ongoing over the next two-year phase.

Community Hospital

The project is proceeding towards planned Financial Close on 12th February. Financial and legal issues are being worked through.

City of Bristol College

Nothing further to report. Proceeding on programme and the recent Topping Out ceremony was well supported. COBC is concerned to see a resolution to place/street naming and public transport issues.

Leisure Centre

Financial Close is still planned for mid-February.

Computershare

AT reported that Computershare are planning to remain in their current offices and are no longer interested in Phase 1.

St Peter's Hospice

There has been no contact by them for several months.

Constellation

Continuing to be used for short term TV and film productions and there is a high level of interest in this use. Activity on the site is low-key at present, and BCC can only allow customers to use it for short periods. There's uncertainty over its long term use as its commercial value has to be balanced against significant financial risk, and the decision will rest with the RDA. South West Screen and GVA Grimley Ltd are two sets of consultants looking into the site's feasibility as a film and TV studios.

Q: Will the existing means of access from Whitchurch Lane be maintained?

A: Yes, for the moment although access would have to be worked through as part of any planning application if the film and TV studios were to proceed.

Q: If someone wanted to find out more about the site, who would they need to contact?

A: AT in the first instance.

Public Transport:

Commercial Bus Routes

AT circulated copies of a map showing existing bus routes (attached.)

The plan showed existing bus routes which could be diverted into Hengrove Park. AT reported that BCC is consulting with First Bus which has so far provided a reasonable response. The Skills Academy will provide peak demand from this September, which will have a positive impact on the available subsidy level. If the subsidy runs out in the future, partner contributions may be needed to maintain the level of service. AT highlighted routes which have been identified as possibilities for diversion. BCC is waiting for First's proposal with costings, and discussions will be concluded as soon as possible. The project's aim is to reach a conclusion which will deliver maximum benefits within the catchment area and provide the most appropriate solution. The current negotiations point towards granting comprehensive and affordable coverage to all the catchment areas not mentioned above.

Weakness identified at present are i) Ashton Vale – to provide a new bus route would be outside the scale of the budget. Travel to Hengrove Park will involve a change of bus in the city centre or a walk to Winterstoke Road. ii) Stockwood – Passengers will need to travel to Wells Road and change bus at Broadwalk Shopping Centre. iii) Brislington and Broomhill – residents will need to walk to catch the no.36. iv) Clifton – passengers will need to change bus in The Centre.

(There was some forum discussion of the routes highlighted on the plan.)

Q: As a negotiating position, it would be good to push for routes that are within half a mile of the site.

A: I'll take that back to the negotiation.

AT

Q: Is the hospital site going to be a terminal?

A: Some will terminate there, some at the depot on the business park.

Q: We could have a bus-park at Somerfields?

A: There are bus layover bays within the hospital site.

Q: But there is another bus which currently goes to Keynsham?

A: This one is too infrequent to be useful to divert.

Q: How will people from Keynsham get to Hengrove Park?
Some hospital facilities in Keynsham are shortly to close.
Transport from there should be provided.

A: There are other projects on the horizon which may make the site more accessible but funding isn't yet secured.

Community Transport

AT reminded the Forum that the £140,000 subsidy available is a very small amount to support CT provision to the site. There are no immediate solutions as to how the money is to be used and CT will relate to the hospital site more than the other buildings. AT reported that Hengrove Park forms part of a city-wide review of CT provision to take place next year.

Q: In Gloucestershire, if people can't get to hospital they can order a taxi and the council pays for it. Why can't Bristol provide that?

A: I'll report that to the PCT.

Q: BCC provides a comprehensive service to schools, which is costly. Why not for the hospital?

A: This project doesn't come with funding for this.

Comment: "If we get half of what's proposed here on the plan in terms of transport, we'll be doing well."

Naming of Place/Streets:

AT circulated a plan of the development (attached.)
AT explained to the Forum that the timescale for naming the development and streets is now tight due to COBC's need for a postal address. The forum's suggestions would be put forward as part of the results of the consultation which had included contributions from community, partners and relevant BCC specialist teams, with the final decision resting with the appropriate elected member. Possibilities were discussed, including naming a street after any noteworthy wartime female pilot (names not suggested) connected with the Hengrove aerodrome.

ACTION:

BCC team to research names of any noteworthy female pilots connected with the aerodrome, bearing in mind the tight deadline for naming the streets.

AT

Naming suggestions were reached by Forum consensus.

1. Place Naming:

AGREED SUGGESTION:

The development to be named "Hengrove Park."

<p><u>2. Street Naming:</u> <u>Street formerly known as "The Boulevard"</u> AGREED SUGGESTION: "The Runway." <u>Street formerly known as "The Promenade"</u> AGREED SUGGESTION: "Hengrove Promenade." <u>Street formerly known as "Street 1"</u> AGREED SUGGESTION: "Blenheim Street" <u>Street formerly known as "Street 3"</u> AGREED SUGGESTION: "Landing Lights" <u>Street formerly known as "Street 4"</u> AGREED SUGGESTION: "Hangar Way/Street."</p>	
<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p><u>Forum Attendance</u> Q: Is it possible for some members of the local Scout group to attend a Forum meeting, so they can find out what's going on in their community? A: Yes</p> <p>Q: Can they also be shown round the Skills Academy? A: Yes.</p> <p><u>Meeting Notes</u> Q: Please will BCC make sure these are sent out a few days before the date of the next meeting? A: BCC will do this for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: Tues 9th Mar 2010, 7-8.30 pm, Bamfield Scout Hut</p>	