

ATAF Tues 8 January 2019

Kaposvar Room, Guildhall Bath

Attendees: Cllr Mark Shelford (B&NES), Justin Reeve (B&NES), Neil Terry (B&NES), Mandy Bishop (B&NES), Frank Tompson, Adam Reynolds, Cllr Sue Craig, Nigel Sherwen, Bryn Jones, Gill Risbridger

Apologies; Alison Sherwin (B&NES)

Item 1 Actions/matters from October

Clarification on timeline and submission of LCWIP

Confirmation that there is no specific timeline for the LCWIP. The only time critical element of the work relates to the current grant, being used to engage WSP to undertake the background work across the WOE. The grant expires on 31/3/19.

Request to look at prioritisation of routes to schools has been noted, school locations have been added to the network plans to ensure that key routes will serve educational facilities (see additional notes on LCWIP for more info).

AR notes grant to Leeds University to enable school layer to be added to software later this year (JFT trained in existing software). **Action - JR to investigate possibility of invite to Bath to brief on PCT tool, AR to supply contact details**

Brougham Hayes junction; feedback on installation of low level signals

No feedback received that we are aware of. Forum members encouraged to make comments as appropriate, will potentially determine future implementation.

AR positive response; notes desire line to Victoria Bridge obstructed by cars needs more yellow hatching. **Action - NT to investigate addition to road markings.**

Update on Fosseway Radstock shared path (developer funding)

The proposed design has been sent to Somerset County Council for their feedback. We are currently awaiting a response and would anticipate that delivery would not be until the new financial year.

Plans will be circulated once Somerset comments received. **Action – JR to send plans to ATAF members once available**

Crossing point closed at Paragon/Broad Street

The crossing point here was considered unsuitable for visually impaired as only one side of the crossing point could be dropped (double step kerb on north side of road). Therefore the crossing was blocked up to discourage unsafe use (four pedestrian accidents recorded here).

MS queried if practical for directional signage could be added. FT is a camera possible to prevent red light jumping? **Action - NT to investigate camera process**

Progress on Alice Park funding confirmation

BJ notes that pedestrianisation of signals moving forward. **Action - NT to check with Kelvin Packer.** Discussions on footbridge with landowner, Transition Larkhall progressing.

Post meeting note: Cllr Appleyard confirmed to BJ that CIL funding could be considered, requires detailed proposal. Transition bath meeting to discuss.

Destructor bridge.

We are currently progressing the draw down of this funding s106, so we should be able to start to look at scheme designs in the new year. Location of bus gate was determined to facilitate alternative routes for vehicles to enable effective enforcement.

Opening of bridge can't be completed until TRO process for Midland Road completed.

MS More clarity required about long term proposals.

AR Will cycle contraflow be included? NT – contraflow cycling permitted but no marked lane.

AR Concerns about cycle route conflicting with parking spaces and lack of access to drop kerbs.

Action - AR to propose a design for NT to discuss with developer.

Somerdale bridge.

Still awaiting response from South Glos regarding potential equestrian use, AS chasing up.

Locksbrook bridge

AS in discussions with the historic bridge team at DfT. Awaiting results of structural survey which will enable financial requirements to be clarified.

MS can update be made in time to issue with minutes. Action JR/AS

Post meeting note: The detailed structural survey has now been carried out and the Engineer has sent Detailed Examination Report to AS. This information will help finalise the report.

Fielding Road bridge, disability compliance

Fence line has been relocated, surfacing of access should be completed by end of January.

Cycling/pedestrian conflict on Bristol to Bath shared use path

Sustrans currently looking at introducing 'One Path' initiative and have been conducting interviews with path users on problems experienced; they will be producing an analysis of issues shortly.

SC notes that constituent concerned that conflict still occurring. MS notes preference for dividing cycling/pedestrian sides. AR – lack of maintenance is reducing path width and exacerbating issues.

Action – AS to look at inexpensive signage options.

Item 2 Project Updates

Chew Valley Recreation Trail

This proposal is for a recreational off-road circular walking and cycling route around the Chew Valley Lake and to open up this natural amenity for all whilst providing significant benefit to the rural economy and local communities.

B&NES are working in partnership with Bristol Water, Sustrans, West of England Rural Network and the Mendip Hills AONB in undertaking this project.

There is an opportunity to submit an application for a 100% grant from the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), Rural Growth Programme's Tourism Infrastructure fund for the construction of the Chew Valley Recreational Trail.

The bid will include the section between Woodford Lodge to Hollowbrook Lane providing an off road route around approximately two thirds of the lake. The remaining section to the south requires more investigative work and the Council will bid for funding for this.

As a prerequisite of the RDPE bid, planning permission has to have been granted. The original planning application and grant application submitted for the full route in June 2018 was revised in August 2018 following discussion and in response to comments received with relevant parties to only include the north section – Woodford Lodge to Bishop Sutton.

The planning permission decision is due to be made soon.

MS can all members be notified as soon as planning permission granted – Action JR. AR notes experience with N Somerset extension issues with land owners over gating and access.

Keynsham High Street

The consultation on Keynsham town centre public realm continues until 11 January 2019. From that point the project team will record and assess all comments received and make refinements to the scheme. This will include considering how best to respond to the comments made by ATAF members. It is intended to prepare a report of consultation feedback and publicise design responses in February.

Action JR to get date from VT for publication of designs, circulate any proposals

AR notes new LTN for cycle standards.

Kingsmead Square

The informal consultation on the vehicle access restriction for Kingsmead Square is now complete; it included a public consultation and drop-in stall in the Square visited by over 200 people and a Business Survey. While there was broad public support for the proposals, the business community have flagged some specific issues which are now being investigated, and a meeting with traders is being scheduled for January 2019.

Item 3 Information sharing

Clean Air Zone

BJ – concerned that CAZ insufficient details regarding encouraging cycling. Can the forum be more involved in development of proposals such as this to ensure that infrastructure improvements are full considered.

MS – happy for a note to be sent to CAZ team requesting funds for improvements. Notes potential discrepancy over timelines for LCWIP and CAZ. New cycle hire system being looked at incorporating electric bikes through GULW.

Any suggestions can be put forward to MS for progress.

NS – parking has to be removed in order to facilitate better cycle routes, notes Weston Park fails without removal of cars.

BJ – improvements on London Road, but outbound and Cleveland Rd junction problematic. Specific improvements could be identified which would improve cycle use.

MS – all members to email direct with any suggestions by Friday 18 Jan.

Riverside Paths

GR – Money spent on Riverside Paths, shut off to access. MS this was a safety measure to prevent drowning during festive period.

GR- no explanatory signage or marked diversion route was implemented, this would not be tolerated on a road. SC – agree pedestrians should be given greater consideration.

MS – temporary bus stop is being relocated so issue will be alleviated.

GR – pavement on south side of river on Lower Bristol Road, close to Churchill Bridge, grassed area has been trampled and damaged. Are residents properly consulted? Issues with litter. Sad to see improvements being wasted.

Action -JR to investigate if delivery by Major Projects, what consultation took place?

Item 4 AOB

Cycling/Walking Infrastructure budgets

We have in recent months received correspondence from DfT advising local authorities should allocate at least 15% of the annual Transport Improvement Block grant (circa £1 million) on cycling and walking infrastructure.

The total proposed spend on transport improvements in 19/20 in B&NES will be around £2.8 million (including s106/CIL). Over 15% of this total sum will be spent on cycling and walking improvements. We are currently undertaking an audit of routes. The information from the audits and LCWIP work will to enable us to better understand and prioritise our work programme, putting us in a strong position when grant opportunities become available.

AR notes that designers may need additional training to enable walking/cycling designs to meet standards. NT acknowledges lack of internal expertise, looking at ways to close skills gap.

Oxford design standards

Have passed to Transport and Development team who will be looking at in the next financial year.

Can Dutch twin town experience be gained?

NS notes that Welsh design standards are very good.

FT – list of improved access points, suggestions sent to AS. Some outstanding locations need resolving:

- Removal of bollards on Two Tunnels.
- Monksdale access – not adhering to standard.
- Removal of gates at Bloomfield open space.

AR – cycle map has locations with accessibility issues marked. To provide list.

GR – concrete anti-terrorist blocks, will they be permanent? MS – will be replaced with alternative design of road furniture.

BJ – clarification of 15%, will this be in next financial year? MB – confirmed will be in next budget.

Date of next meeting late May following election TBC