

Meeting with Backwell Parish Council and Bristol Airport - Tuesday 27 February 2024

Attendees:

Cllr Bridget Petty - North Somerset Council
Cllr Robert Taylor – Backwell Parish Council
Cllr Bob Martin – Backwell Parish Council
Jacqui Mills – Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis – Bristol Airport

It was noted the work to repair the damage to the corner of Cooks Bridal Path had been completed. Backwell Parish Cllrs thanked Bristol Airport for completing this work.

Inconsiderate parking in the local area : Residents continue to experience issues in the local area. Residents to continue reporting vehicles causing an obstruction to driveways or footpaths through the local police via 101 and to keep Backwell Parish Council and North Somerset Council updated via email, so the incidents can be recorded.

Action update: Bristol Airport is contributing £50k in 2024 and further £50k in 2025 to NSC towards a Planning and Parking Enforcement Officer. The money is for NSC to acquire some dedicated resource to mitigate the impacts arising from unauthorised offsite parking or anti-social parking practices.

An increase of litter near the bus shelter next the Airport Tavern and also on Downside Road

Action: Jacqui to speak to Sasse (the airport's onsite cleaning team) and to notify them of the build-up of litter in this area and for this to be included during their once-a-month litter pick from Stone Farm entrance to the A38 traffic lights. The airport team will be holding two litter picks in 2024, April and September, and the bus shelter will be included during both of these events.

Improvements to speed restriction signage in the local area, especially on Downside Road – observations of multiple traffic accidents on Downside Road, including collisions with animals.

Whilst the numbers of cars that use Downside Road cannot be only the Airport's responsibility and this route to Bristol Airport is not promoted or is the approved route to Bristol Airport (all directional signs use A roads). New signage may be considered for funding from the new Local Community Fund. Cllr Bridget Petty and Cllr Robert Taylor will provide a list of the signs required and in which locations.

Action: Backwell Parish Council will liaise with North Somerset Council on the scheme and gain highways designs, approval and costs. An application to Bristol Airport for a grant from the Local Community Fund to include all of the necessary information and plans with costs.

New equipment requested for Oatfield Playground – The Parish and District Council members spoke at the meeting about the need for four picnic tables secured to and bases and also two 5-a-side football goals for the Oatfield Playground in Backwell.

Action: As part of Griffiths Construction added social values work in the local community, Bristol Airport will liaise with Griffiths and see if they are able to provide

picnic tables secured concrete bases and football goal posts in the future. Harry to provide an update once a response from Griffiths Construction received.

Local Community Fund Update – Bristol Airport outlined the new S106 Local Community Fund guidelines are awaiting approval and sign-off by North Somerset Council. The criteria of the Fund will support: road and transport improvements, biodiversity projects and to be used for the purposes of mitigation to address unforeseen adverse environmental impacts and other adverse impacts on the local community arising from the airport development. The new Fund will not support school/college grants unless they meet the criteria and guidelines, normal school equipment may not be a consideration for a grant from the Fund.

Annual amounts each year into the Funds:

- Local Community Fund (£100,000)
- Diamond Fund (£50,000)
- Noise Mitigation Scheme (£200,000)

Bus Stop Improvements on Downside Road - Cllr Robert Taylor spoke about the need for bus stop improvements to Downside Road, including a new bus stop for the A3 Flyer Bus. To be located on the layby by Cooks Bridal Path and stopping at the road junction with The Batch.

Bristol Airport highlighted that bus stop improvements may be a consideration for funding or a contribution towards some costs from the new Local Community Fund.

Action: Cllr Bridget Petty will speak to David Bailey, Senior Engineer Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety at North Somerset Council, and ask if NSC could also pay and fund the new bus stop improvements.

Transport Interchange and multi-storey 2 works

Bristol Airport informed 1 x large and 2 x medium sized cranes will be in position from mid-March for the ongoing Transport Interchange and Multi-storey car park works. Also, aggregate from the building works is being re-used and re-worked on site, lorries will be transporting aggregate from the Transport Interchange site area, via Northside Road and A38 to Southside – Downside Road will not be used. Vehicles will commence transfer operation from this week for an approx. 6-week period.

Action: information noted.

Warm space initiative for local residents at the Hampton by Hilton hotel (until 27 March).

Copy of letter issued in October to residents and local Parish Councils attached. Bristol Airport team in attendance first Wednesday of every month.

Action: information noted.

Community Meeting sessions

With the Warm Space initiative ending 27 March. Residents needing to discuss any community issues with the Bristol Airport team will be able to attend the regular monthly sessions at the Hampton by Hilton hotel the first Wednesday of every month until December 2024. Letter to be issued in the next couple of weeks to local residents (226 homes approx) and to local Parish Councils, raising awareness of the Community Meetings with timings etc. Residents will be asked to contact Bristol Airport team in advance of attending the meeting outlining the issue and securing an appointment.

Action: information noted.

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