

Chair: Cllr Chris Chappell

Cllr Aubrey Oliver
 Ann Donkin Herefordshire Council/NHS Herefordshire (JMT rep)
 Sgt Chris Payne, WMP
 Laurette Ratcliffe – Herefordshire Housing Limited
 David Shepherd – Community Protection Team

12 members of the public

Chris Bucknell – Partnership Support Team
 Liliane Dean – Partnership Support Team

Apologies: Cllr Attfield

Presenters:

Trish Jay – Herefordshire NHS
 Perminder Balu – Hereford Connect 2 Greenway
 Mark Edwards – Herefordshire Council
 Brian Gash - AMEY

Issues from the May PACT	Response
<p>Item 1 (Item 1 from last meeting): Traffic, particularly large lorries, being driven onto the footpath in Holme Lacy Road.</p>	<p>Further Update: Amey are looked at developing a draft plan which will include individual schemes which can be developed separately over the coming years. This draft would go out to consultation at a later date before being agreed. (see below under presentations)</p> <p>It was noted that the road markings have been changed and it is now easier to cross over to Walnut Tree Avenue from Holme Lacy Road.</p>
<p>Item 2 (Item 2 from last meeting): Traffic problems at the junction of Belmont Avenue with Belmont Road, approaching the traffic lights.</p>	<p>Further Update: The yellow hatched box seemed to have solved the issue and there have been no further issues reported.</p>
<p>Item 3 (Item 3 from last meeting): Cars parking outside garages in Belmont Avenue and obstructing the access to the garages for residents.</p>	<p>Further Update: The intervention from the Community Protection Team seems to have solved the problem and there have been no further incidents reported.</p>
<p>Item 4 (Item 5/6 from last meeting): An overgrown tree overhanging the pavement in Springfield Avenue near the phone box.</p>	<p>Further Update: Herefordshire Housing Limited has done some work with the tenants but the situation has deteriorated. HHL are continuing to work with the tenants in the Springfield Road area. It was stressed that trees in</p>

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	gardens are the responsibility of the tenants.
<p>Item 5 (Item 7 from last meeting): Concern was raised over the condition of the roads following the bad winter.</p>	<p>Further Update: Amey are continuing work in the area and Cllr Oliver reported that there has been a great improvement. Thanks go to Amey for their work.</p>
<p>Item 6 (Item 8/9 from last meeting): Review of policing in Herefordshire meaning there would no longer be a manned front-counter service at South Wye police station. Concern was raised about the times when the local policing teams were off duty; the responsive police officers were unfamiliar with the local areas.</p> <p>There was concern that South Wye CSOs were being sent to other areas in the city and this could leave South Wye vulnerable</p>	<p>Further Update: The original suggestion had not been taken forward and the station at South Wye remains fully staffed with CSOs and local police officers. There may be plans to review this as a result of CSR but currently the station remains fully operational.</p> <p>The current rule is that CSOs finish duty at 10 o'clock and after that time response teams operate out of the city centre. It was noted that these may not be so familiar with local issues in South Wye.</p> <p>One CSO had been deployed to the city centre to cover the absence of another officer. This was short term only and the CSO would return to South Wye.</p>
<p>Item 7 (Item 11 from last meeting) On going issue of blocked drains when rain is running off Ross Road onto the junction of Walnut Tree Avenue.</p>	<p>Further Update: This took a long time but the work has now been completed and the water does not congregate there.</p>
<p>Item 8 (Item 12 from last meeting) Problems with litter on access pathway into Hinton Community Centre.</p>	<p>Further Update: Thanks to Amey for getting this litter cleared.</p> <p>Amey reported that this is now on the schedule to receive regular attention.</p>
<p>Item 9 (Item 14 from previous meeting) Local residents raised concerns about young people being left on their own in Marches housing flats.</p>	<p>Further Update: The concerns were very generic and there was no specific information about what was happening in which locations. WMP had not turned up any areas for concern.</p>

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<p>Item 10 (Item 9 from previous meeting) Litter problems in Grafton Lane.</p>	<p>Further Update: Thanks to Amey for getting this sorted out.</p>
<p>Item 11 (Item 16 from previous meeting) Unsafe handrail on Greyfriars Bridge. It is noted that this is the responsibility of the Highways Agency but who is the point of contact for the Highways Agency?</p>	<p>Further Update: Amey or someone in the Highways Department of Herefordshire Council provide the link with the Highways Agency. Amey said they would pass on the issue about the handrail on Greyfriars Bridge.</p> <p>Additional information: Amey has passed this to the Highways Agency.</p>

New Issues	Response
<p>Item 12: Concern was raised about the King George V playing field and removal of the picnic benches. This has been raised at the Multi Agency Task Group which has a police presence but not elected representation. There was an ASB issue (alcohol) in the area; deemed to be made worse by the presence of the benches. At first the community was told that the benches would be removed for three months and then returned but an e-mail has been seen where the police are recommending to MATAC that the benches are removed permanently. An alcohol ban has been requested but some people enjoy a glass of wine or beer responsibly. Could consideration be given to the benches being returned?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: WMP were not consulted when the benches were first put in and with no alcohol ban there is a disproportionate amount of drinking in that area. Two of the benches have been burnt down. Residents have witnessed a lot of people drinking, behaving in loutish way and dropping litter. This improved once the benches were removed. The area is using a lot of police resource and WMP is campaigning to introduce an alcohol ban. Once this is introduced WMP would support having benches. WMP would use discretion if there was a low level of responsible drinking. A decision regarding the benches would be taken in the summer of 2011.</p> <p>Additional Information: Although the Multi Agency Task Group has no elected representative when there is an issue in a specific location the elected member is always notified and kept informed.</p>
<p>Item 13: There is a lot of litter in the River Wye which is unsightly and is affecting the fishing. No-one seems to be taking responsibility for this.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: This is the responsibility of the Environment Agency, not Amey</p>
<p>Item 14: At the point where Westbury Close enters Holme Lacy Road the 30 mph speed limit goes into a 40 mph. There is a lot of</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: WMP will arrange for the areas to be observed. There are some unmarked vehicles working on traffic and they will be asked to patrol</p>

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<p>speeding, particularly young drivers accelerating their cars over the bridge. There are a lot of children in this area and speeding is dangerous. On Holme Lacy Road, after the island, there are often foreign lorries carrying wide loads on the straight mile. These are causing a hazard. Could WMP carry out some preventative activities</p>	<p>the area and also to pay attention to large trucks coming off the Rotherwas Estate.</p>
<p>Item 15: There is inconsiderate parking on Stable Drive. People are parked on the corners, restricting access and vision. This could cause a hazard to young children. People do not use parking facilities that are there.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Stable Drive is an example of poor planning – there are a large number of houses aimed at families who would often want two cars (and possibly work vehicles). The double yellow lines which run up to the main road are a legacy from Stirling Lines but are still enforceable. Residents now park further up where there are no double yellow lines. Parking was not considered when the estate was planned. From a police perspective all that can be done is ticketing which would upset the residents.</p> <p>It is down to the residents to question whether the double yellow lines need to be there. Ward Cllrs have asked for a review of the area to be brought forward.</p> <p>Although there may be a speed limit in the area WMP recommend that people drive to the road conditions. If the conditions require someone to drive at 5 mph that is what people should do.</p>
<p>Item 16: Is it illegal for people to park with two wheels on the pavement? .</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: It is illegal but there must be discretion. Some roads are not wide enough to allow parking and access for emergency vehicles. There should be access for disabled people and those with buggies. WMP will always police with consent and with discretion.</p>

PRESENTATIONS

Budget Consultation and Comprehensive Spending Review

While people at the Treasury have been looking at the finances nationally there is still more work to be done locally. The cuts will affect different parts of the country in different ways. It has been stated that 490,000 jobs will go in the public sector over a 4 year period but this needs to be taken in the context of over 6 million people currently employed in the public sector. Over the next few months work will go on so see how the reductions in funding will affect Herefordshire and services to the community.

Questions	Responses
How will this affect council tax?	Council Tax is frozen nationally.

Hereford Connect 2 Greenway Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to provide a traffic-free walking, cycling route and bridleway between the city and Rotherwas. The proposed route would run from the eastern gate of the Cathedral, through Castle Street, St James and Bartonsham to either a new river crossing near the existing rail bridge or via ramps over the Welsh Water bridge and under the railway. From here it will link all parts of the Rotherwas Industrial Estate through to Sink Green. The route offers a commuter link and also a leisure route for cyclists, walkers and equestrians. More information can be found by following the links below

- <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/45948.asp> (Herefordshire Council)
- http://www.sustransconnect2.org.uk/schemes/project_detail.php?id=92 (Sustrans Connect2)

Questions	Responses
Why can't the money be linked with the new Holme Lacy Road Developments?	The two pieces of work are dovetailed in and Amey are fully involved in both. Funding streams for Connect 2 have already been identified and the £350k from Lottery would not be forthcoming if it were to be used to develop the Holme Lacy Road. The Holme Lacy Road improvements are part of the access road to the industrial estate and are being carried out using largely separate pots of money.
If horses are to use the route how high are the railings going to be on the bridge?	Whatever option is chosen for the bridge it will not be suitable for use by riders.
What would be the objections to taking the route over Victoria Bridge and running the path parallel to the river?	This option would not be considered a Connect 2 scheme as people would have to dismount on the section going over the Victoria Bridge. It would be difficult to get a riverside path as most of bank has either fallen away or been subsumed into people's gardens.

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<p>Your Local Health and Social Care services are changing – tell us what you think? More information can be found on www.herefordshire.nhs.uk/serviceintegrationprogramme. Your views are important. E-mail: psipconsult@hhtr.nhs.uk or phone 01432 372928</p>	
Questions	Responses
At the moment there are four beds in the bays at the County Hospital. Taking into account things such as the flu epidemic, staff absence etc – how could there be enough staff to go into people's homes?	The whole programme is about moving resources from acute hospital care into the community. Looking after people in their own homes stops the spread of infection and is more beneficial. There are already staff working in the community but we need to develop skills mix and delegation of work from qualified staff. It is about how we do things differently.
What is the NHS doing to prevent people getting ill in the first place? Lifestyle issues, exercise, diet etc.	GPs have included in their contract a responsibility to carry out early screening to see if people have any underlying problems. They also carry out preventative work and offer services around diabetes, long term health conditions etc. It is important to recognise that everyone is different and individual plans are important.

<p>Holme Lacy Road Developments. The aim of the scheme is to deliver traffic calming and to discourage heavy vehicles and to increase cycling and pedestrian usage for the road. The funding is coming as part of the planning permission for the by-pass. There are different features within the scheme which can be spread out over a number of years.</p>	
There is a rumor that the Tesco Express has been granted planning permission to open a store in the old Game Cock because Tesco donated funding to the new relief road. Is this true?	No it is not true. Tesco did not need planning permission to open an outlet in the Game Cock.
If funding is available could Walnut Tree Avenue be re-surfaced?	Walnut Tree Avenue is on the schedule to be done fairly soon. This kind of work is carried out under a general funding scheme and cannot come out of the Holme Lacy Road budget.
What parts of the scheme are going to be built first?	A consultation will be taking place shortly to agree which parts of the scheme will go ahead first.
What is the timescale?	The programme is currently being reviewed. Cabinet approval is

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	expected in June 2011 with construction starting in Jan 2012. The completion date is expected to be around May 2012.
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