



SHIREHAMPTON COMMUNITY ACTION FORUM

Planning Watch – 14 March 2019

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BCC Newsroom: 11.3.19:

Bristol City and South Gloucestershire councils receive funding to help protect local wildlife

A rich habitat teeming with wildlife will be developed in the Avon Valley thanks to almost £100,000 of funding from Network Rail through its Greater West Programme. Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire council successfully bid for funding to make a nature haven as part of a three year project at Eastwood Farm and Conham River Park, adjacent nature reserves separated by the River Avon. The project will be delivered in partnership with the Friends of Avon Valley Woodlands and Friends of Eastwood Farm.

The scheme will get underway this month with some thinning in parts of the existing woodlands. A small number of trees will be removed to improve the woodland structure, which will benefit the remaining trees and the wildlife that uses the woodland, as well as encouraging wildflowers to grow. The felled trees will be left in place to provide habitat for insects and other invertebrates.

Later this year, volunteers will assist with clearing ground for planting new trees and shrubs. With the help of the local community and school children, volunteers will also plant native ground flora and sow a new wildflower meadow. Local provenance oaks will be collected as acorns by volunteers and school children, to be grown on in local schools. Volunteers will be trained in how to care for newly planted woodlands and learn traditional skills such as coppicing and charcoal making.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Asher Craig who is responsible for parks and open spaces, said: "This funding will allow us to carry out some much needed work that will improve these areas for that will benefit both wildlife and people. "Improving the structure and diversity of the proposed woodland and meadow areas will improve their appearance and therefore increase their interest for visitors."By taking part in the project, the volunteers - including school children and the general public - will learn more about biodiversity and habits, and get to experience all the benefits of fresh air and exercise."

South Gloucestershire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Tourism Cllr Paul Hughes said: "We are really pleased to secure this funding which will help protect and enhance these nature reserves and our local wildlife for future generations. The work will help join together these important habitats and hopefully establish a more resilient ecological environment. "The area is very popular with walkers and cyclists, and it is great that volunteers from the local community and schools are getting involved and helping out with the planting of new trees and wildflowers."

Emmanuel Deschamps, Environment Manager, Network Rail said: "It is great to be able to support such an exciting project. Woodlands provide a fantastic array of habitats to a wide range of plants and animals. We can't wait to see this special place be transformed."

BCC Newsroom 12.3.19: Council exceeds carbon reduction target for a second year

Bristol City Council has achieved corporate target to reduce carbon emissions. Bristol City Council has successfully achieved its corporate target to reduce carbon emissions from its direct activities by 65% by 2020.

The council has achieved this target, two years early, with a 71% reduction of carbon emissions in 2017/18 (against a 2005 baseline). The council will soon be proposing a new, ambitious, target to cut even more carbon emissions from its direct activities.

This is the second year running that the council has exceeded its own carbon targets and this exemplar performance is largely due to making its buildings more energy efficient, investments in renewable energy infrastructure such as wind turbines and solar panels, electrifying the council's fleet vehicles and continuous upgrades to street lighting across the city.

The overall reduction of carbon on the national grid, through increased national renewable energy generation also plays a major part in this reduction. The council has released an environmental performance report, detailing its carbon, energy, travel and water performance for the 2017/18 period. The report can be read at <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/energy-and-environment> and also [here](#).

Councillor Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Energy and Transport said "This is the second time the council has hit its carbon reduction target well ahead of schedule and is a clear marker for our continued commitment to build a carbon neutral Bristol. "We're incredibly proud of our energy projects and our ever growing reputation as a leading energy city. I'd like to thank officers across a number of teams for all their hard work in achieving this target and for continuing to strive for further carbon reductions. "The council is willing and able to offer its expertise to support other organisations to reduce their carbon emissions and improve their overall environmental performance and it's a great thing for us to be leading by example."

Bristol City Council is working hard to reduce carbon impacts not only from its own activities but city-wide including projects such as heat networks, which will provide low carbon heat to parts of the city and the innovative City Leap initiative which sets out the council's vision to transform the city's energy ecosystem.

More information about the council's exciting energy projects can be found on the council's Energy Service website: <https://www.energyservicebristol.co.uk/>

SevernNet News 14.3.19

Steps to improvements in Avonmouth Way

Parking restricting the carriageway, is a particular ongoing problem in Avonmouth Way which is impacting business, as well causing safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

The **first step to address this access issue** is a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which proposes to introduce double yellow lines on various roads in the Avonmouth Way area. This is in order to enable freer passage for all road users, including pedestrians and avoid danger to people and other traffic using the road.

A consultation is currently taking place for the proposed TRO and runs from **7th - 29th March 2019**. More information can be found on the [Bristol City Council website](#). We encourage you to respond.

Supporting this TRO proposal will lead the way to **improvements in Avonmouth Way**. We'd like to hear your views. Do you support the proposal or do you have any concerns regarding congestion, safety and access? [Please email](#) .

We're working with Sustrans and Bristol City Council to **improve access** to businesses across the Avonmouth Way area and hope to talk to as many businesses as possible about how travel facilities can be improved.

Funding from Highways England is enabling a network of walking & cycling routes to be developed in the area to provide a safe and quick means of traveling locally, including a proposed route which will run along Avonmouth Way and surrounding roads. **For more information and to get involved please contact** kate.royston@SevernNet.org or iain.stewart@sustrans.org.

Public Consultation – SUSTRANS – New walking & cycling routes

Shirehampton designs will be shared on Monday 18th March 6-8pm at Nova Primary School, Barracks Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol BS11 9NG

New Applications:

Reference 19/01206/COND
Alternative Reference PP-07681026
Application Received Fri 08 Mar 2019
Application Validated Fri 08 Mar 2019
Address Open Space Henacre Road Bristol
Proposal Application to approve details in relation to condition 2(CMP), 3 (Long Cross Roundabout) and 14 (SUDS) of permission 18/02166/F Construction of a phased residential development comprising 128 dwellings.
Status Pending consideration

Decided Applications:

Reference 18/06567/CE
Alternative Reference PP-07496922
Application Received Mon 17 Dec 2018
Application Validated Thu 10 Jan 2019
Address Titan Containers Ltd Third Way Bristol BS11 9YL
Proposal Application for a Certificate of Existing - Installation of a Biomass Boiler in the workshop area, with external flue.
Status Decided
Decision Certificate of Lawfulness BE ISSUED
Decision Issued Date Thu 07 Mar 2019

Reference 19/00010/A
Alternative Reference PP-07520941
Application Received Wed 02 Jan 2019
Application Validated Wed 16 Jan 2019
Address Accolade Park Kings Weston Lane Avonmouth Bristol BS11 9FG
Proposal Proposed non-illuminated fascia signs, to both sides of the nacelle of the approved single wind turbine.
Status Withdrawn
Decision Application Withdrawn
Decision Issued Date Mon 11 Mar 2019