

# Focus

## on Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze ward

- serving Westbury-on-Trym, Westbury Park, Golden Hill and Henleaze



### Another Tory U-turn on Climate Change

The Government's cancellation of their £1bn fund for carbon capture and storage (CCS) is the latest Tory U-turn on climate change. In 2014 David Cameron said that CCS was "absolutely crucial" in decarbonising effectively. Now he has gone back on a manifesto promise, writes **Helen Cuellar**.

At the Paris climate summit all governments said it was "essential" to invest in projects such as CCS. Yet the Tories long-promised carbon capture project has become the latest low-carbon policy to be chucked on the scrapheap.

Angus MacNeil, Chair of the House of Commons energy and climate change committee, said scrapping the CCS fund was "incomprehensible" and that these "sudden changes" to energy policy were undermining investor confidence in the energy sector.

Helen says 'I think it's hypocritical to go to Paris and sign up to ambitious targets whilst scrapping schemes to help tackle climate change back home.'

The Tories have scrapped a raft of green initiatives since they came into power in May. Instead, they should reverse their cuts to renewable energy so the UK plays its part in tackling climate change.

Do the Tories really care about climate change or are their so-called green policies just a charade? Make no mistake: our children and grandchildren will pay the penalty.



### CPNN Cash for Crow Lane roundabout

Following inquiries to Bristol City Council (via Charlotte Leslie MP) we've found out more about how the transport effects of Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) are being dealt with. As well as over £7 million for the **A4018** and **A38/B4056** corridors, nearly £2 million is being allocated to improve the **Crow Lane** roundabout. This £2 million is government (Department for Transport) funding.

Like many others, we're concerned about CPNN's effect on north Bristol. With over 8000 new houses to be built, there will be an impact on our infrastructure, especially our busy, overcrowded roads. But it's been almost impossible to discover any details about what's planned to address this problem.

In addition to the allocations mentioned above, a study is being commissioned about how to mitigate CPNN's transport effects on South Gloucestershire and Bristol, with public consultation after that. Let's hope the study isn't too little and too late, and that residents will be genuinely consulted - with time for their views to be taken into account and necessary changes made. Local Lib Dems will keep up the pressure so local people get their say.

### Crossing controversy

The proposed zebra crossing on **Henleaze Road**, near the **Eastfield Road** junction, which is a condition of the Churchill retirement housing planning permission, is proving controversial. Residents are raising safety concerns about its position so close to the junction with **Eastfield** and **Southmead Roads**, where traffic turns into **Henleaze Road** at some speed.

The proposal is to reduce the approach to Henleaze to one lane by extending the pavement. Glenise, Graham and Helen are pictured (left) at this location.



### Bus service improvement

*More buses, but in the right places?*

Many of you will have seen that **Wessex Bus** have started a service from Cribbs Causeway to The Centre, branded as '**The One**'. Graham says: "This is a welcome innovation, bringing competition to Bristol's buses at last." But with **First Bus** also running a No. 1 on this route, we've had a report of six No. 1's appearing in quick succession at one stop! Meanwhile there is no direct route between the centre of Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze, or from Henleaze to Southmead Hospital and people have been asking for more No. 77 buses. Clare adds: "We will be monitoring the situation to make sure that First Bus aren't diverting resources to the No. 1 route in an attempt to 'see off' the competition."

We are very pleased that **James Freeman, Managing Director of First**, West of England, accepted our invitation to attend our Henleaze Forum on 4 February to talk about First's plans for the future and to take resident questions. We expect him to be challenged on a number of issues! More in our next FOCUS.

**Good news!** We're told that bus usage in Bristol has gone up by 25% in the last 18 months. No doubt a lot of this is due to new improved bus shelters and more are to come. As part of a 5 year **Shelter Replacement Project**, there are plans to enlarge, upgrade and provide electronic (real time) information on 10 bus shelters in our NP wards: 6 in Stoke Bishop, 3 in Henleaze, 1 in Westbury-on-Trym and 1 just within Kingsweston ward. Depending on the outcome of a public consultation, work could commence towards the end of May. See our e-Focus for more details.

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