

## Notes from Bilford Road Action Group Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

Apologies: Jason Marshall

Thanks to Neil for chairing the meeting.

### Matters arising from minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Matthew reported that he had spoken to Highways Officers about the keep clear signs by the Bilford Road/Astwood Road junction and at the junction with Drovers Way. Yellow hatched boxes are usually installed on signalised junctions that have heavy traffic flow. There also needs to be support from the Police, as they need to enforce them. The criteria for replacing the keep clear signs with a yellow hatched box in the above areas were not thought to be met. People at the meeting still thought that it should be looked at further, especially for the Drovers Way junction. **Action: MJ to talk to Highways officers again to see if the Drovers Way junction could be changed.**

The new white line hatching on the Bilford Road/Astwood Road corner has been done. The point was raised that some drivers seem to be unaware of the changes and maybe it would have been appropriate to have a temporary sign highlighting the change. There was some positive feedback from some at the meeting that they thought it was an improvement.

The moving of the central line over the Bilford Road canal bridge raised a lot of concern with residents. Matthew reported that he has shared these concerns with the Highways officer who proposed them. People, particularly children, are crossing dangerously and there is great concern about the safety for pedestrians following this change. **Action: MJ was asked to take this up with a more senior Highways officer as they felt action needed to be taken immediately.**

The white van parked on the north side of Bilford Road between the canal bridge and the bus stop is still causing problems. Matthew had raised this with Highways officers and the local police team. The latter were planning to speak to the owner that evening. **Action: MJ to follow up with local police team.**

The issue of having double yellow lines on the canal bridge was raised with officers by Matthew. There was a question from the officer regarding how frequently this occurs, as the higher the frequency, the more likely they would support them. There was a consensus at the meeting that during the fishing season it was a very common sight. **Action: MJ to feed this back to Highways officers as proof that double yellow lines are appropriate.**

### Meeting with Clare Marchant: Feedback.

Matthew summarised the meeting he had, together with Marilyn and Jason, with the Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council. Clare was supportive of our aims and suggested that we need to build up a business case, based on the use of the roads in the area, the demographics, etc., in order to show that money should be spent improving the safety of the road. We would need to talk to the school head teachers and local residents to get a picture of how people move around in the area and what barriers there are to walking, cycling, etc.

An option raised at the Action Group meeting was that we could train some residents to operate speed cameras, which would help support this business case. It was mentioned that the Worcester Green Party has just bought a speed camera for just such a use and would be happy for it to be used. The next step is to look into how to get trained. **Action: MJ to investigate training and use of speed cameras.**

It was suggested that for the door knocking exercise, we would need a sub-group of 3-4 people to focus on this.

Clare Marchant has said that she, together with Jon Fraser, would like to come to our next meeting later in May. **Action: MJ to set meeting date and invite Clare.**

### **Other issues.**

The safety of children travelling to Perdiswell Primary School on bicycles and scooters was raised. Parents need to keep a closer watch on them, as it is a busy road and they often race ahead. **Action: MJ to speak to head of Perdiswell Primary School about this, asking him to raise the issue with parents.**

Yellow lines outside Perdiswell Primary school are being parked on. **MJ to raise this with Civil Enforcement Team.**

Swimming pool: What changes are to be made to the roads in the area? **Action: MJ to find out.**

Worcester City FC: It was agreed that we all need to write to the planning department to express our opinion. What planning points can we as a group raise? E.g., lack of car parking, light pollution, noise, loss of green space. The Protect Perdiswell leaflet had lots of useful information.