

Bristol Central Area Action Plan Options Consultation & City Centre Public Realm and Movement Framework

Questionnaire

Guidance on completing the questionnaire

You may find it easier to complete this questionnaire electronically. Copies of this questionnaire can be downloaded in Word format from the Central Area Action Plan web site: www.bristol.gov.uk/centralarea. Hard copies are available on request.

The council will use your comments to support the continued development and refinement of the Central Area Action Plan and the Public Realm and Movement Framework. Additional consultation and involvement may be needed to respond to the results of this current phase.

This questionnaire consists of the following sections. Additional sheets for Section B are available to download separately.

Section A	Please complete for all responses
Section B	Please complete if you wish to comment on the Central Area Action Plan
Section C	Please complete if you wish to comment on the Public Realm and Movement Framework
Section D	Equalities monitoring (optional)

Comments should be submitted:

By e-mail: **bdf@bristol.gov.uk**

By Freepost to: **Central Area Action Plan / PRMF (CD/BH)**
Freepost BS6529
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By fax: **0117 903 6681**

The closing date for responses is **20 April 2012**.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this consultation, please call us on **0117 903 6725**.



Section A: Your Details

Please note that anonymous comments, letters or e-mails will not be accepted or taken into consideration.

You should be aware that any written comments that you make must be made publicly available. This includes availability via the council's web site.

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Tick here if you do not want to be added to the Bristol Development Framework database			<input type="checkbox"/>

My comments are about: (tick all that apply)	Central Area Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Realm and Movement Framework	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Data Protection Act

Information you provide will be stored on secure Bristol City Council computer systems within the Planning Department. The contact details you submit will only be used in connection with the preparation of the Bristol Development Framework and will only be available to the Planning Department of the city council and at certain times partnership organisations directly involved in the preparation of the Bristol Development Framework. Email, newsletters or postal updates will keep you informed on progress and events associated with the Bristol Development Framework.

If at any time you wish to update or remove your details or gain more information on the BDF database please contact the Strategic Planning team on **0117 903 6725** or email **bdf@bristol.gov.uk**.

Section B: Bristol Central Area Action Plan

Part B1: Area-Wide Chapters

Complete this section for comments on **Chapters 1-6** and the introduction to **Chapter 7**.

Please use one sheet per topic e.g. "Housing"; "Public Realm"; "Adaptation". Please use additional sheets as required.

Chapter	4	Topic	Movement and Public Realm (and parking)			
My comments are:	Support		Objection		Suggested change	X
Comments on Options or overall Approach						
<p>Living Heart for Bristol is an informal coalition created by 9 local and national organisations based in Bristol (see: www.livingheart.org.uk). Our main aim is to improve the environment of the city centre by diverting through traffic away from the centre. Our ultimate aim is to see all parts of the centre accessible to vehicles on an 'in and out' basis, with through traffic diverted onto the Scope route.</p> <p>Our comments predominantly concern the Public Realm and Movement Framework (a few specific comments relating to the AAP are outlined below). We note, however, that whereas the AAP is a statutory planning document, the PR&MF is not. It is important therefore that the key principles of the PR&MF are stated in the AAP.</p> <p>As described below, we are suggesting some amendments to strengthen those principles. The key points which should be included in the AAP are commitments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progressively remove (not just 'reduce') through traffic from the central area within the inner access loop. • specific pedestrianisation or road closure proposals to be identified in the PR&MF • identify and remove barriers to permeability for cyclists (as well as pedestrians – which are better recognised in both documents). 						
Comments on Draft Policies (please specify)						

We **support** policy **MP9** (Quayside Walkways)

MP4 Should be amended to allow for carfree development in appropriate locations.

Using the international definition, carfree development may have zero parking, or it may have very low levels of parking separated from the pedestrianised residential area. Research has identified many benefits to this form of development, specifically:

- Reduced traffic generation
- More efficient use of land
- A better environment for families in inner-city areas

See Melia, Parkhurst & Barton(2011) on (<http://eprints.uwe.ac.uk/11196/>). There are already some small examples of carfree development in Bristol (e.g. Waverley and Balmoral House on the Harbourside). Larger carfree developments offer the opportunity for considerably greater benefits, as illustrated by several European cities. Some areas of Bristol particularly suitable for carfree development are described below.

A **new policy** should be added about **maintaining permeability for pedestrians and cyclists**. As discussed in our submission on the PR & MF, there have been examples e.g. Quakers Friar, where private landowners have been allowed to cause significant problems of permeability for cyclists in particular. Where private landowners effectively 'own the street', full permeability for pedestrians and cyclists must be maintained in perpetuity.

Part B2: Neighbourhood Chapters

Complete this section for comments on **Chapters 7.1-7.9** and **Chapter 8**.

Please use one sheet per neighbourhood. Please use additional sheets as required.

Neighbourhood	Broadmead				
My comments are:	Support		Objection		Suggested change X
Comments on Options or overall Approach					
<p>We propose the following changes to the section on Broadmead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan should specifically allow for carfree residential development over the shops in the pedestrianised area (this would be consistent with, but is not mentioned in Option A). <p>To reduce the severance of Castle Park, through traffic should be removed at the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newgate Street – already closed to Northeastbound traffic – should be closed to Southwest bound traffic (except buses and bicycles) at the entrance to the Car Park. The area around the Castle Street entrance to the Park should be pedestrianised (with access for cyclists). 					
Comments on Development Opportunities					
<p>The apartments in Quakers Friar demonstrate the potential demand for residential development in the primary shopping area. The Princesshay development in Exeter demonstrates that it is not necessary to provide parking or direct vehicular access in order to create highly desirable apartment developments in central pedestrian areas (a total of 23 parking spaces were provided for 123 apartments there. Phase 1, where buyers queued in the street overnight, had no parking).</p> <p>The possibility of introducing residential units will act as a useful spur to regeneration of the primary shopping area. The new mixed use developments around Cabots Circus are higher than the postwar shops along Broadmead. Any future redevelopment could increase building heights, satisfying both retail and residential needs.</p>					

Comments on Designations

Introducing residential populations is the best way to create vitality and passive surveillance in central pedestrianised areas – particularly in the evenings. Conversions to restaurants and bars would help this process, but nightclubs should be avoided in this area.

Comments on Draft Policies (please specify)

A new policy should be added, stating that residential development and conversions on the upper floors of the primary shopping area will be welcomed.

The authority may wish to specify constraints on the loss of retail use, but given:

- the opening of Cabots Circus coinciding with a downturn in demand, and
- the proposal to add “active ground floor uses” to several of the surrounding areas

attempting to fill the whole of the primary shopping area with retail uses would be counterproductive – simply leading to empty units.

Part B4: Additional Comments

Are there any additional comments you wish to make on the Central Area Action Plan?

Some of the individual member groups of the Living Heart coalition will be making further comments on different sections of the AAP.

Section C: Public Realm and Movement Framework

Part C1: Comments on the Framework

Are there any comments you wish to make on the Public Realm and Movement Framework?

See separate report attached.

Continue overleaf...

Section D: Equalities Monitoring

Please complete this equalities monitoring form. It helps us understand which communities we reached in this consultation. In this way we can target resources in the future to achieve the broadest range of community involvement. The data submitted will not be linked to the details and comments you made on the questionnaire and will be held as summary data only.

If you representing a group or company then please respond on your own behalf.

Race and Ethnicity		Gender	
White		X	Male
X	British		Female
	Irish		Transgender
	Other European		Prefer not to say
Mixed Race/Dual Heritage		Age	
	White and Black Caribbean		15 or under
	White and Black African		16-24
	White and Asian	X	25-59
	White and Chinese		60 or over
Black or Black British			Prefer not to say
	Caribbean	Religion and Belief	
	African		Christian (all denominations and callings)
	Somali African		Buddhist
South Asian or Asian British			Hindu
	Indian		Jewish
	Pakistani		Muslim
	Bangladeshi		Sikh
	Asian African		Any other religion (please describe)
Chinese or Chinese British			
	Chinese	Sexual Orientation	
Other Ethnic Groups			Lesbian, gay, bisexual
	South East Asian	X	Heterosexual
	Irish Traveller		Prefer not to say
	Roma Gypsy/Traveller	Disability	
	Any other background (please describe)	Do you consider yourself to be disabled? ¹	
			Yes
	Prefer not to say		No
			Prefer not to say
			Please describe your disability

¹ The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 defines disability as “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities”.