

Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) believes the public realm around the proposed development will benefit, but the footway along Temple Street needs improvement.

Temple Street is part of a key pedestrian route linking Temple Meads to Finzel's Reach. It was to have been a pedestrian priority area (*City Centre Framework - March 2018*). The road is now to be a vehicle/cycle route, but at least the pedestrian route should still be wide and unobstructed.

Proposals in the public realm design that BWA welcomes:

- Full segregation of cycling and pedestrian routes.
- Raised tables on Counterslip.
- Narrowed roads on Counterslip, Temple Street and Temple Back.
- Addition of street trees and roadside planting.

Issues with the footway along Temple Street:

- The footway along Temple Street should have an **unobstructed minimum width of 3m along its whole length**. At some points it is only 2m wide, further reduced if people are sitting on the wall benches. Additional width could be gained, and greater separation from traffic achieved, by incorporating the green space with the trees in the north of the street, as done further south of the street and on Temple Back.
- It is unfortunate that access to the underground car park for the development cuts across this key pedestrian route along Temple Street. There must be clear indication that pedestrians have priority over vehicles crossing the footway.
- Given it is a key pedestrian route, there should be a pedestrian priority crossing at the junction of Temple Street with Water Lane. The proposed additional parking spaces here will obscure the view for pedestrians trying to cross Water Lane to Temple Street. At the minimum a buildout is necessary at this point.

Other points requiring further attention:

- Clear pedestrian priority markings will be required where the pedestrian routes cross the two-way cycle route along Counterslip.
- There is no public route through the site, despite this extra permeability being proposed in SPD3, and in general being of benefit in an urban context.
- The accessibility to green space for the wellbeing of residents will be limited.
- The height of the tower block will be oppressive for those walking along Counterslip or Temple Back.