<u>Initial comments by Bristol Walking Alliance on</u> <u>Whitehouse Street Regeneration Framework</u>



Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) welcomes the proposal for a Regeneration Framework to be created for the Whitehouse Street area of Bedminster.

At this stage, we offer the following general comments to contribute to the Community Manifesto being drawn up by Action Greater Bedminster. We look forward to commenting in more detail once specific proposals are put forward for discussion.

- Make the area welcoming and accessible by removing through traffic, widening pavements, and enhancing local business activity through increased footfall.
- Ensure there are essential food shops and health facilities within a 10-minute walk.
- Identify, improve and signpost (including Bristol Legible City wayfinding) accessible pedestrian routes towards Bedminster Green, East Street shopping area, main bus stops, Bedminster railway station, Bedminster Bridge and Temple Meads.
- Incorporate continuous pavements as part of road improvements.
- Segregate pedestrians from faster-moving cycles, e-scooters and other vehicles.
- Ensure all pavements are wide enough for wheelchairs, buggies and mobility scooters to pass easily.
- Reduce pavement furniture (e.g. badly positioned or redundant posts for signs) and other footway obstructions.
- Cater for the visually impaired in all highway designs.
- Where bins cannot be easily stored within residential or commercial premises, introduce landscaped on-street bin collection points.
- Consider the aspects that make the environment safe and attractive for walking: access to toilets, drinking water, benches as resting places, shaded areas, and lighting.
- Plant more street trees and create local green spaces / pocket parks.

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