

**Objection by Bristol Walking Alliance to
21/04684/COND - Application to approve details in relation to
condition 11(highway works) and 12(highway adopted) of permission
18/06722/F - Land At Little Paradise & Stafford Street Bristol BS3 4DE**



Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) objects to the proposed highway details for Stafford Street in connection with the development of Plot 4 at Bedminster Green.

In the Bedminster Green Placemaking Framework (endorsed by BCC Cabinet in March 2019), it was proposed that a route along Stafford Street, Leicester Street and Little Paradise should be a key walking route between Bedminster Green / Dalby Avenue and East Street. It would also be a realigned part of the Malago Greenway key cycle route which currently runs along Little Paradise.

In the approved planning application (18/06722/F) for Bedminster Green Plot 4 by Dandara, Stafford Street is described as a “Pedestrian Priority Street”.

However, in the most recent highway details for Stafford Street, pedestrians are shown as occupying a 2.2m wide footway alongside a 1.1m wide cycleway, separated only by a painted line. This effectively creates a shared use space between pedestrians and cyclists, since cycles will have to avoid adjacent vertical hazards such as planters, parked cycles and vehicles in loading bays.

Such an arrangement is recognised as inadequate, both by BCC and in the latest government guidance LTN 1/20, especially for a well-used urban location. It is particularly inappropriate for a route that is intended to be both a key pedestrian and key cycle route.

We urge that this proposal is not approved and that road space is re-apportioned to allow adequate space for both pedestrians and cyclists with physical separation (such as a kerb that can be detected by the visually impaired) between them.

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