

**Initial comments by Bristol Walking Alliance
on proposed Temple Island development**



The [Bristol Walking Alliance \(BWA\)](#) is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol's walking environment. We want to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive.

We often respond to public realm proposals for new developments. We see that a second round of community engagement is taking place for Temple Island.

The proposals shown on the website are still so sketchy that it precludes detailed comment at this stage. However, we would like to raise the following issue.

Access to the site from the south is very difficult for those on foot or using public transport. There seem to be no proposals to make this easier.

In particular:

- The footway along the east side of the A4 Bath Road is currently **shared use** between pedestrians and cyclists. This is far **too narrow** to meet current standards and is **unsafe**. Provision of an adequate segregated route must be addressed for this development.
- The utility of the proposed access to the site from the Bath Road, using a staircase and a lift, is undermined by the **inadequate footway** onto which it will open.
- The **nearest bus stops** on the #1 route travelling into the city (along the Bath Road) are to the south over 700m away from the proposed Bath Road entrance or to the north over 700m away from the Brock's Bridge entrance. The furthest pedestrians should be expected to walk from a bus stop is 400m.
- The number of people who would be expected to enter or leave the site each day must be large for such an intense development. A good proportion of these could be expected to arrive on foot from the west, south or east. We would expect to see a detailed description of how **adequate travel arrangements** will be provided for them in any future planning proposal.

We look forward to seeing these concerns addressed in future plans, and would like the opportunity to comment on them before they are incorporated into a planning application.

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