

Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) welcomes the proposed improvements to the Denmark Street area. and suggests that the newly pedestrianised areas could be enhanced by place-making public realm improvements.

Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning for a pedestrian environment that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive. Our comments, therefore, focus on matters affecting the pedestrian environment.

BWA supports the overall approach to improving the Denmark Street area. In particular, we welcome:

- Closing the longer section of Denmark Street to motor vehicles full-time (Option 1B). However, it should still be possible to drop-off and pick-up those using the side entrance to the Hippodrome for disabled access to performances.
- Closing Denmark Avenue to motor vehicles.
- Improved pedestrian crossings at the junctions of Denmark Street with St Augustine's Parade and of Frogmore Road with Culver Street.
- Tactile paving and dropped kerbs where they are currently missing.
- Improved public space with trees, planters and seating.

We would like to see:

- E-scooter parking places that are at road level, are clearly marked, and do not require the user to drive across the footway.

We suggest the improvements could go further, for example:

- Closing to motor vehicles the section of Frogmore Street that connects to Denmark Avenue by the Hatchet Inn. Place-making in that section. Raising the surface of some of the closed section of Frogmore Street to create a level pedestrian environment. A larger spill-out area for the Hatchet. Planters. Moving the car parking away from areas close to either side of the Hatchet.
- Place-making in the pedestrianised part of Denmark Street. Raising the surface of the closed section of Denmark Street (not just at the junction with St Augustine's Parade) to create a level pedestrian environment – the current footways are too narrow. Allowing cafe/restaurant spill-out, and planters. A continuous footway, not just a raised surface, at the junction of Denmark St and St Augustine's Parade.

- Improving the junction of Pipe Lane and Trenchard Street for pedestrians by narrowing the mouth of Pipe Lane and introducing a raised surface indicating pedestrian priority.

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