Response by Bristol Walking Alliance to
the A432 Safer Road Consultation

Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) welcomes the proposals set out in the A432 Road Safety Consultation.

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.

Pedestrians come off the worst in any collisions, which is why their safety needs are placed at the top of the hierarchy of road users. We therefore fully support reduced speed limits, improved pedestrian crossings, narrowing junctions and new parking restrictions and road markings.

We would also suggest the extension of the 20mph speed restrictions proposed for Fishponds Road to include the section of Muller Road leading to the M32 roundabout.

We are not offering detailed comments on the locations of the proposed crossings, leaving that to local residents who have the local knowledge to respond in detail. However, we note that for such a busy road we would expect controlled pedestrian crossings to be separated by **at most** 400m along the length of the road.

The absence of drawings showing the detailed layout of proposed changes makes it impossible to comment on whether the designs will conform to the latest standards of safety and accessibility. We hope that Active Travel England will be brought in to evaluate the scheme from this perspective.

However, we hope the opportunity will be take to reduce the number of crossings with islands, which require pedestrians to wait multiple times to cross the road. Single-stage crossings should be provided wherever possible.

Though the focus of the consultation is on speed limits and crossings, we would also expect side road junctions to be narrowed whenever possible, with continuous footways introduced where there are low traffic volumes in side roads.

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