



Bristol Parks Forum

representing resident led
park groups and citywide organisations
involved in protecting and improving
Bristol's green spaces

Open Letter - Protecting Bristol's Green Spaces

To:

Cllr Barbara Janke - Liberal Democratic Party

Cllr Helen Holland - Labour Party

Cllr Geoffrey Gollop - Conservative Party

Cllr Tess Green - Green Party

The Bristol Parks Forum Committee would like some clarification on your party's position in respect of the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy. In particular we would like your response to the following questions:

1. Can you confirm that, in the event that your party forms any part of a future administration, you will guarantee that all green spaces identified in the AGSPs, and not currently listed for disposal, will not be sold (or transferred to other Council departments) in whole or in part for the 20 years of the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy; also that they will remain as public open space for that period. Will you also ensure this applies to any open space withdrawn from disposal as a result of a decision to do so being taken by the Council or Neighbourhood Partnerships?
2. Can you also confirm that (in accordance with the adopted P&GSS) at least 70% of the value of any of the sites which proceed to disposal will be 'ring fenced' for investment in parks and green spaces in Bristol?
3. Can you confirm your party's commitment to achieving the 'Vision for Green Space in Bristol' and the eight objectives as set out on page three of the adopted Parks and Green Spaces Strategy?

It is our intention to publish replies to this letter on our website and to distribute them to our members via our email updates. To this end we would be pleased to have your reply by the end of this month.

Yours,

Hugh Holden - Chair, Bristol Parks Forum

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Bristol Parks Forum was established by Bristol Parks as an umbrella organisation for community park groups and organisations in the city with an interest in their local parks and green spaces.

The forum is supported by Bristol City Council but acts independently and is the only 'community voice' that is dedicated to all of Bristol's green spaces. The forum's three main roles are to:

- offer an opportunity to share ideas and experience
- act as a consultation body for the Bristol Parks service and other agencies
- influence decision-making, including the allocation of resources

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