



# Bristol Parks Forum

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

26<sup>th</sup> January 2009

## **Chocolate Factory development consultation**

This letter is in response to the consultation on the proposed development at the chocolate factory site adjacent to the Bristol to Bath Railway path. It represents the views of the members of the forum as agreed at their quarterly meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

The forum does not agree with the current design of the cycle houses and their encroachment on the Bristol to Bath Cycle Path through multiple access ways crossing cycle path land as follows.

- The access ways will dramatically alter the character of the cycle path with household access being available directly onto the path.
- It will set a very unwelcome precedent that development may encroach onto city parkland in the same manner throughout the rest of the city.
- The area that is adjacent to the access steps will become a garden to the houses with the residents developing garden features around their entrances. They will become defacto private gardens.
- The existing natural environment will change substantially due to the proposed access ways.

Given the above the forum requests that the development is redesigned to remove the multiple access ways from the cycle houses to the path.

Yours sincerely,

Fraser Bridgeford, Chair, Bristol Parks Forum on behalf of the forum

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**Bristol Parks Forum**

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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