



# BPF

# Bristol Parks Forum

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

To: **Site Allocations (CD/BH), Kingswear Development and Knowle West  
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## **CONSULTATION ON SITE ALLOCATIONS, KNOWLE WEST AREA GREEN SPACE PLAN AND KNOWLE WEST REGENERATION FRAMEWORK PLAN**

We are writing to the Council in response to the consultation on the above, and the Northern Slopes and the Kingswear/Torpoint/Marksbury Road College/Haldon Close.

The Northern Slopes Initiative are members of the Bristol Parks Forum (BPF) and have kept the Forum members informed of the issues surrounding the proposed developments in Knowle West. It has been clear at our meetings that the position of the Northern Slopes Initiative has the support of the wider Bristol Parks Forum membership.

The BPF as been concerned that previous consultations and most notably that on the Area Green Space Plans have not covered Knowle West. We are pleased that these issues are now being addressed through the current consultations.

The BPF supports the Parks & Green Spaces Strategy as a city wide strategy. It is therefore important to us that the principles set out in that document are applied in Knowle West in the same way that they have been in the rest of the City. In particular at least 70% of any money raised from the disposal of Council owned green space must be reinvested in green space. It is also important that as with other areas of the City any decisions on the disposal of green space are taken locally through the Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Committee.

## **SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION – NORTHERN SLOPES (NOT KINGSWEAR)**

The BPF supports the Northern Slopes Initiative position that the areas of the Slopes known as the Bommie (Wedmore Vale), Glyn Vale, Novers Common and the areas of Novers outside of the Kingswear development as Important Open Space and Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in this document.

We believe that it is critical that these areas are kept free from Development, especially as they, along with Kingswear, are part of the Council's Strategic Green Infrastructure network.

We were pleased to note that all Council owned green space that has been considered by the AGSP process and is being retained is being listed as Important Open Space and this should apply equally in Knowle West.

## **SITE ALLOCATIONS, KNOWLE WEST AREA GREEN SPACE PLAN AND KNOWLE WEST REGENERATION FRAMEWORK PLAN – KINGSWEAR/TORPOINT/MARKSBURY ROAD COLLEGE AND HALDON CLOSE DEVELOPMENT**

The BPF supports the position of the NSI and asks that the Council changes its proposals so that there is:

- 1) NO BUILDING UPHILL OF KINGSWEAR ROAD – OTHER THAN ON OLD KINGSWEAR FLATS AREA – this means more green space for people and wildlife – more enjoyment of views to and from Bristol – and no housing behind existing Glyn Vale/Lurgan Walk houses. This area should then be designated as Important Open Space and Site of Nature Conservation Importance.
- 2) ALL GREEN SPACE LEFT WITHIN THIS DEVELOPMENT IS NATURAL GREEN PLAYSPACE – FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE – not just a limited area behind part of Glyn Vale. This should be designated as Important Open Space and Site of Nature Conservation Importance.
- 3) NO MORE THAN 250 NEW DWELLINGS (INCLUDING THOSE ON THE COLLEGE AND OLD FLATS AREAS) – increasing above this level will mean more pressure on remaining green spaces (which are part of the City Council's Strategic Green Infrastructure Network) and local resources which means that the ability of the functions and character of Slopes being maintained is reduced.
- 4) MAIN MARKSBURY ROAD COLLEGE BUILDING RETAINED – for community and commercial use to continue to provide a feature which is historic and distinctive.

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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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