



Bristol Parks Forum

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

A PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON

A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR BRISTOL'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES: THE BRISTOL PARKS FORUM'S DRAFT VISION FOR 2030 AND BEYOND

Dear Friend,

Bristol's publicly owned Parks and Green spaces are used by thousands of people every day of the year.

The Bristol Parks Forum as the umbrella organisation representing groups directly involved in our Parks and Green Spaces have been working on a new Vision.

The draft vision is written to make people look forward into a world which could be different than it is now. We cannot just think of where we are now as being the future; but look forward to a time where Parks and Green Spaces are recognised fully for their value to the City and are better than they are now.

We are asking for comments by **midnight on Thursday 18th October 2018** so that we can consider comments or potentially finalise it at our AGM on the 20th October at Redcatch Community Centre, Knowle.

The draft Vision provides five things:

- A description of Bristol's Parks and Green Spaces in 2030 and beyond
- The approach that the Bristol Parks Forum and its membership will employ to achieve the Vision
- Encouragement for all parties whoever they are to get involved in delivering the Vision
- Provide the basis to how the Forum will work proactively in response to issues; and
- Provide the basis of more detailed Forum position statements on individual issues in the future;

It is in two parts, the draft Vision itself, which needs to be finalised; and a table explaining the discussions which have occurred in the Forum so that people can see how the statements have been developed*.

We hope that as park and green space users, businesses, organisations, voluntary groups, elected representatives and members of the public, you can spend some time looking at the Vision.

As it is a draft vision – please can you tell us:

- 1) If you think there is anything that should be added or changed?
- 2) If you have any other comments?
- 3) If you support the Vision. If you do not, would you be prepared to tell us why you cannot support it?

If you have questions or queries about the vision – please contact us using the details below.

Please respond by email to info@bristolparksforum.org.uk – or in writing to BPF c/o 3 Corkers Hill, St George, Bristol BS5 8DT **by midnight on Thursday 18th October 2018.**

Please pass this letter on – or distribute this link www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/vision/ via whatever media channels you have so that others can comment.

We very much look forward to your reply.

Mark Logan
Chair of the Bristol Parks Forum

21st September 2018

*The following documents and sources of comments have informed the Vision:

Bristol Parks Forum – Terms of Reference – 2017 <http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/ToR.pdf>

Bristol Parks Forum – Manifesto 2013

<http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/information/manifesto/>

Bristol Civic Society – Manifesto for Bristol – 2015

https://c8663110.myzen.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Manifesto_for_Bristol.pdf

Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy 2018-23, 2018

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/239309/Bristol+City+Council+Corporate+Strategy+2018+to+2023/3e7d7377-ed1f-5d67-c6ab-af49b7159a5e>

Freedom to Ride – Bristol Cycling Manifesto – Bristol Cycling Campaign

<https://bristolcycling.org.uk/campaigns/manifesto-page/>

London Parks Manifesto 2018 – Parks for London

<https://parksforlondon.org.uk/london-parks-manifesto-2018/>

The Parks Charter – June 2018

<https://www.parkscharter.org.uk/>

Results of consultations with Forum members between February and June 2018.