



## Bristol Parks Forum Report on BPF Vision 2030 consultation. 2 February 2019

This report covers what happened with the consultation on the draft Vision published in September and how comments received have been treated.

It replaces the report circulated at the Forum meeting in October 2018.

Considering what has happened to during the Consultation – level of responses – comments made, the following decisions were taken by the Forum Committee and a small number of other Parks Groups representatives.

### Q1

**Do you wish to continue at the 20<sup>th</sup> October meeting to sort out as far as we can a way forward – or wish to see a separate meeting – to allow more time for consideration?**

**The BPF meeting in October agreed that all Bristol Parks Forum Groups who hadn't replied should be given a chance to reply as 7 responses was not considered sufficient to form a view on whether the Vision should go ahead. Once this is done – there would be a Committee meeting with people willing to work through the document, to get it ready for February meeting. Committee plus meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Whichever way is chosen.....

### Q2

**Do you wish to continue with producing a Vision – Yes or No? YES**

### Q3

**If yes, to the question above – do you agree that we go further with the Vision**

**a) With no change in terms of approach – not agreed**

**b) Or use one of the changes on Table 1 below – See responses to points in table and further discussion.**

**Q4**

**Do you agree with the design as set out in the draft? – No, see Q5**

**Q5**

**Do you agree with the design amended as suggested? If some of the amendments listed in Table 2 which one...  
See responses to points in table and further discussion.**

**Q6**

**Do you agree with any of the text changes raised in table 3 below – taking each one in turn? See responses in table, plus additional amendments from discussions.**

**Q7**

**Bearing in mind the comments and responses in Annex A below – are there other changes you think should happen to tweak the document? No**

**Q8**

**Are groups and individuals (as well as the Committee) prepared to support and use the Vision in their work (eg: in answering consultations, or developing park specific plans, writing in to Cllrs and MPs) as stated on the document?**

**If No – do we really need a Vision like this? Yes, we do.**

**Q9**

**A lot of comments relate to potential future actions which we can do – do you agree that these should be investigated by the Committee – and proposals brought forward to the next Forum meeting on the way forward?**

These could include:

- Preparation of background statement about the vision for the website
- Preparation of Forum position statements on areas – such as value of parks, cycling and walking facilities, access to parks/green spaces, provision of toilets etc, what is inappropriate development, which have been raised in comments.
- Enabling delivery of the Vision by encouraging/empowering Forum members/groups by sharing the skills and knowledge of Forum members with each other.

## **1 Consultation – dates, who was contacted etc.**

The vision was launched twice:

21 September by email to the Forum mailing list and a special list of groups

26 September by email to the media.

A reminder was sent to Bristol Parks Forum Park Groups who had not replied on

4 November by email asking for them to reply if they wanted to.

On the special list of groups were:

Walking groups – 3

Cycling groups – 2

Religious groups - 3

HE colleges and University – 4

Statutory Env Bodies – 4

Sports bodies – 2

Schools – none – we decided too time consuming to do so as there are many of them.

Trade Union and business – 4

NGO support groups – 2

Fire and emergency services – none, did not have email address

NGOs – 2

Equality groups – 7

Planning and Design – 6

BCC departments – 4

Mayor - 1

All Bristol City Councillors – sent by email. Thanks to Democratic Services of BCC for help with this.

NHS Trusts – 0 - no email address found to be used

Young people organisations – 2

Press – traditional and online media – 9 organisations

## **2 Resulting publicity:**

Bristol 24/7

Forum website – twitter account

Articles in some Bristol Voice newspapers.

Press release – by a City Council Political Party

Parks and Green Spaces and other Groups circulated links on Social Media and on their websites.

## **3 Who replied?**

### **3.1 Number of comments received:**

As of 20 October – **37 responses received**

As of 19 January 2019 – **60 responses received**

Where people did not make it clear whether they were writing on their behalf or an organisation – if they used a Personal Address it was assumed that they were individuals; a group address – that they were representing a Group. Where it was unclear due to the actual text in the email, clarification was sought.

One individual had written in twice with different comments using different descriptions of themselves – these were combined into one response after agreement with the person.

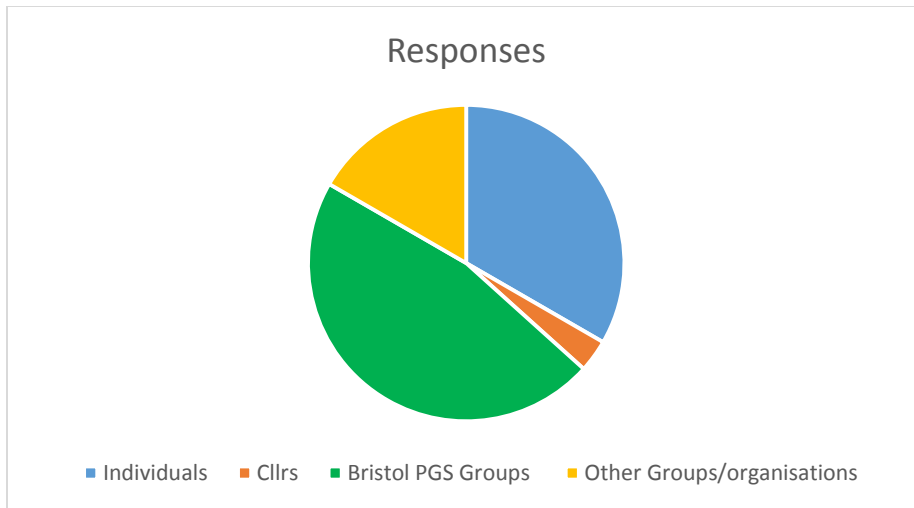
### **3.2 Source of comments:**

Individuals - 20

City Council cllrs – 2

Bristol Parks/Green Spaces Groups – 28

Other Groups/Organisation – 10



### **3.3 Type of comments**

Support and/or requesting alterations: **58 - 96% of replies**

Not support: **1**

Neutral: **1\***

Replies with comments – **36**

\*Response offering help with proof reading the text of the Vision and has been marked as neutral.

#### 4 Comments received:

NOTE: All responses have been made non-attributable because parties have requested it, and because we didn't tell people that we would make their details public. All comments are listed in the order they were received.

**Table 1 Comments received on approach – includes notes of meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

<b>Originator</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response - recommendation</b>
Individual	Split the document into two – vision – with the questions and get sign up; and the rest for action plans (we want to achieve).	Potential option as long as sign up questions attached – but note some comments about not enough detail on the how. <b>See discussion below.</b>
Individuals and Park Groups	Needs punchy first statement and a tag line	Document is relatively simple now – would this attract more criticism of little detail? Would need to agree separately <b>Tagline made more prominent.</b>
Park Group	Just make it a vision with/without a date	Target concentrates mind – 2030? <b>Disagree date is critical – and something we must work towards.</b>
Park Group and individuals	No detail – just one big clear statement	See idea of splitting the document – in this case with only the vision involved. Note that others feel not enough detail. <b>Agreed in part – strapline moved to front page to catch the eye. Discussed level of detail needed– felt document needs to appeal to both Parks/GS groups – and those that know nothing about Parks/Groups so that they can understand better what is involved. Also need to provide some detail to help people understand where we are heading.</b>
Park Group	Needs to be clear what this is vision or exhortation	Can be both – it has to be both – otherwise leave on top shelf as a nice to have? <b>Agreed in part – reduction in text and removal “Vision” title from two pages may help this.</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Document too big – reduce number of pages to be able to print quickly</b>	<b>Number of pages reduced to four. Front Page</b>

		Vision We Will Achieve this Vision Delivering the Vision
Meeting	Wording should be more positive – not should etc – but will	See text changes below

**Table 2 Comments received on Design – including notes of meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

Originator	Comment	Response - recommendation
Forum Committee	Use Jigsaw to show interlinking of activities to achieve the vision – all are equal – See Annex B	Draft of Jigsaw at Annex B. Use on final page instead of current question – and state what the diagram is about. <b>Jigsaw dropped as now only four pages</b>
Number of responses	Are all points equal – or is this a priority list	Numbers were added in the draft to help people reply about individual points – and also show the links between the Vision Points and the how we will achieve the vision. All numbers to be removed. <b>To be done.</b>
Individual	Ensure that one of the photos on the front page is “urban” rather than just green to show context	Agreed - Photos to be reviewed to do this. <b>No. of photos to be reduced – remove bottom three so that there are only six. Replace children creating art with a person who is disabled using a green space. Remove one of the two green space photos (central and top right) and replace with green space in urban setting.</b>
Parks Group	Improve formatting and use of bold	<b>Agreed – to be carried out.</b>
Meeting – Front Page	<b>Six Photos only; and tagline “A Positive Future for Bristol’s Parks and Green Spaces” moved to below Photos. Date of document (Spring 2019) and BPF logo – website</b>	<b>All of the four pages to have “Spring 2019” on them, BPF logo – website address and delivering the vision.</b>

	address – linked to “delivering the vision”.	
Meeting – Our Vision	Delete page – note some text moved to other pages	
Meeting – A positive future for Bristol’s parks and Green Space	Delete page – some text to be moved to BPF Vision website page	
Meeting – Vision for 2030 – In 2030	Page retained – changes to words below	Now called – Vision.
Meeting – Vision for 2030 – We want to achieve	Page retained – changes to words. Delete sentence – Vision for 2030. No bold text at all.	Now called – We will achieve this vision by:
Meeting – Vision for 2030 – Delivering the Vision	Page retained – changes to words. Delete sentence – Vision for 2030. Delete paragraph – “Bristol Parks Forum already works with....”	
Meeting – Let us know what you think	Delete Page – relates to consultation	
Meeting - All pages	Main text to be in black text only – no green	To help those printing off copies either in colour or in black and white
Meeting - All pages	Frame to be thin green line – take off red strips.	To help those printing off copies either in colour or in black and white.
Meeting - All pages	Footnote - Use Forum logo, website and email address – strapline “- delivering the Vision”.	



### **Table 3 Comments received on Text:**

Each response is covered in detail in Annex A – which you should read before reading this summary of proposed changes to the text for your consideration. Some points have already been considered before – but have been repeated to check your views in the light of the consultation responses. **Comments in Red were results of discussions at the 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting.**

<b>Current text</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Reason Why?</b>
<b>General:</b>		
Add footer with title, date and version	As stated	Identity of pages if used separately becomes clear – <b>see note above</b>
<b>Overview:</b>		
<b>Meeting – “Bristol’s publicly owned parks”</b>	<b>Moved to second page – without “of the year”.</b>	
We hope that a parks.....and members of the public....you can spend some time	.....you can support and actively help us achieve the vision.	Final not draft. New text for Final – <b>Text deleted.</b>
We cannot just think of where we are now as being the future – but look forward to a time.	We need to look forward to a time where Parks.....	We have to start where people are now? Therefore do not change. <b>Text deleted.</b>
Final paragraph – move to front cover		Front cover becomes cluttered? <b>Text deleted – exhortation to others now on last page.</b>
<b>Introduction:</b>		
Bristol is rightly proud	Explain why	Too long for the text? <b>See note below</b>
Bristol is rightly proud of its publically owned parks and green spaces	Bristol is rightly proud of its publically owned parks and green spaces, regardless of their size or fame.	Gives more emphasis to all spaces? But note longer sentence. <b>Original to Forum Vision webpage.</b>
It has been proven that	Provide reference	There are hundreds – one in footnote? <b>Original to Forum Vision webpage.</b>
Para 2 - It has been proven that they can be a place for improving people’s health and	It has been proven that they can be a place for improving people’s health and well-being through relaxation, meeting friends, walking,	Clearer and positive that they do. But is the length too much? <b>Meeting – change for Website to... They are a</b>

well-being through relaxation, play, walking the dog.....	play, walking the dog, taking part in sports, discovering wildlife and heritage, learning about new ways of doing things, watching events, or other activities. Parks and open spaces improve air quality, reduce noise.....	place for improving people's health and well-being, discovering wildlife and heritage, a place for learning and enjoying events. Parks and open spaces....."
NEW	Parks should be leading the way to a sustainable society.	Agree with principle, but too long for Vision – could be included in position papers.
"and we'll ask"	"And the Forum and its members will"	Not carried out – as changes to each page cover this.
<b>The Vision:</b>		
Vision for 2030		Meeting – Vision. Delete "for 2030"
NEW Para		Bristol's publicly owned Parks and Green Spaces are used by thousands of people every day.
In 2030 Bristol's Parks and Green Spaces Should be		Meeting – By 2030 our Parks and Green Spaces will be:
Outstanding in the SW of England in terms of quantity and quality	Of a high standard in terms of quantity and quality  Or  Excellent in the SW of England in terms of quantity and quality	Not a competition – not achievable in original form. What does outstanding mean?  Outstanding – links into IYN category?  Excellent is used in the Bristol One City Plan (January 2019). Define excellent?  Meeting – Change to "Excellent in terms of quantity and quality." To match One City Plan
Available to everyone in all areas of the city	Inclusive and accessible for all and actively promoted to everyone in all areas of the city	This is about areas of the city – not accessibility. Some areas have very little green space.

	Welcoming to all people (regardless of gender, age, ethnic origin, colour, religion etc)  A place for people of all ages to enjoy	Meeting – statement is confusing two ideas – change to Available in all areas of the city.
Enhancing the physical and mental health and well-being of people	Places that have a positive influence on our mental and physical health and well-being	New version is more outcome focussed? Meeting – Places that have a positive influence on our well-being
Hubs of activity for local communities where people are empowered	Areas where people are empowered to influence positively their parks and green space; and their local community.	Clarification and simplification of original. Meeting – “Hubs of activity that empower local communities.” Shortens sentence
Recognised for their value to the city	An asset to the city	Statement does not include verb – is this less dynamic? Meeting – Use original
Free to access for everyone	Easily accessible to all and free	Is everyone/accessible to all sufficient? Equality Act 2010 Meeting – Free to access. Add “everyone” explanation to website.
Places where wildlife thrives	A place where wildlife thrives	Places means all places? Meeting – stay with original
Places where our heritage can be explored	Places where our heritage can be protected and explored	Meeting – use “is protected and explored.” Using “is” is more positive than can be.
NEW	Used by more people	Is this implicit – or does it need to be stated. Some parks are concerned about overuse? See also Delivering the vision – first point. Not taken forward – implicit in text.
<b><i>The Vision/Achieve the vision:</i></b>		
Everyone	Ensuring that everyone including those with protected characteristics....	Ties in with Equality Act 2010 – see also comments from other groups

	Footnote – in smaller font. Protected characteristics are defined as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationally, and ethnic or national origin), religion to belief, sex (gender) and sexual orientation.	below; and note above. <b>Add to Forum Vision Website, as room is limited in the document.</b>
<b><i>Achieve the vision:</i></b>		
We want to achieve this vision by:		<b>Meeting – We will achieve this vision by:</b>
Listening and responding to the views of those with an interest in the parks and green spaces	No change	<b>Meeting – listening and responding to the views of people</b>
Ensuring parks and green spaces can be protected from inappropriate development or use	Ensuring parks and green spaces can be protected from development or use	Parks should be preserved for the future. But would this stop any change to parks – even if positive? <b>Meeting – must have inappropriate development or use – some development or use could be beneficial. No change – see Question 9 above.</b>
Ensuring that everyone can have access to a good quality green space	Ensuring that everyone can have access to a good quality green space with appropriate facilities  Or Ensuring that everyone has access to a pleasant green space	Ties in with comments on toilets and catering etc. <b>Meeting – agreed with adding with appropriate facilities to original.</b>  Define pleasant?
Collaborating with others	No change	<b>Agreed no change</b>
Campaigning for a legal duty to ensure spaces are managed to	Campaigning for a legal duty to ensure that local and national government protect and	<b>Meeting - Use original statement – need to influence all levels of</b>

a good standard	maintain parks and green spaces	<b>government – shorter statement</b>
Encouraging and enabling more people and groups to get involved in their spaces	Encouraging people and groups to participate in voluntary activities that enhance the parks and green spaces  Encouraging and enabling more people and groups to get involved positively in their spaces	Involvement can mean more than voluntary activities – could be attending events etc. Enabling really important.  Define positively? <b>Meeting – Enabling more people to get involved in their parks and green spaces</b>
Ensuring that there are resources to maintain, manage and enhance spaces	No change	<b>Agreed no change</b>
Protecting and enhancing, wildlife and heritage	Protecting and enhancing, wildlife, heritage and other natural features	Natural features can be geological, landscapes etc. <b>Meeting – use “.....and other natural features”.</b>
Celebrating what we have, and are going to, achieve	Celebrating our parks and green spaces whenever possible	Original stronger. <b>Meeting – change to Celebrating our parks and green spaces.</b> <b>This will mean Forum to decide how to celebrate.</b>
<b><i>Delivering the vision:</i></b>		<b>No bold text in bullet points</b>
First bold text paragraph - footnote		Not sure this is right – as this is really important as we cannot do this on our own <b>Meeting – delete this paragraph to reduce size of document</b>
If you want to see the Vision achieved, please	If you want to see the vision achieved by 2030 and beyond, please	Gives impetus for action before 2030 <b>Meeting – “To make this happen in your Park and Green Spaces from now on:”</b>

If you want to see vision achieved	If you want to see this vision realised on the ground.....	You achieve goals – realise vision – see above.
<p><b>Bullet points:</b>  Use your Parks and green Spaces  Look after your Parks and Green Spaces  Get involved in your Parks and Green Spaces so that it can be improved  Celebrate what is good about your parks and green spaces  Ask your local Councillors, Bristol’s Mayor and Local MP to support the Vision</p>		<p><b>Bullet Points:</b>  Use them  Look after them  Get involved in them  Celebrate them  Get your local Cllrs, Bristol’s Mayor and local MPs to support the Vision</p>
<b>Last page</b>		
Delete question		Final document, not draft <b>Agreed</b>

Len Wyatt

19 October 2018 amended 27 November and 19 January 2019. Comments of 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting added 2 February 2019.

ANNEX A – details of all responses received in date order of receipt. The terms “Parks” and “Green Spaces” have been used here as quoted by the respondents, especially for statements covering more than one area. It is best if the points made are considered to cover when appropriate all “parks and green spaces.

<b>Originator</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response - recommendation</b>
Individual	Great you circulated widely Why for 2030 and beyond – why wait – what happens from here to 2030 – sit and twiddle thumbs	Change words on Delivering the vision – see Table 3

	<p>Need roadmap on how to take forward Underfunding key issue – regardless of aspirations and good intents</p> <p>Lot more punchy and highlight perceived difficulties to be rectified We need short sharp mission statement and easily remembered tag line Tighter local/national planning legislation is required Don't let the Council sell off the family silver.</p>	<p>Next actions – see Q9 above Agreed – but we have to inspire – we have to dream – as well as deal with reality. We may be somewhere different in 2025?</p> <p>See approach Table 1 above – but this is aimed at non-parks groups as much as ourselves. See approach above</p> <p>Next actions – See Q9 above</p> <p>See existing statement on protect and enhance.</p>
Other Group	Support	
Other group	<p>How can this be delivered without actions No mention of making them physically/sensory accessible and inclusive places How do paths become accessible – not just about cyclists, but children – will affect health and obesity Is the effect that Disable People have been completely overlooked Tell people your vision is achievable.</p>	<p>Next actions – see Q9 above</p> <p>See change of wording Table 3 about “everyone” to be more inclusive to people.</p> <p>Next actions – see Q9 above</p> <p>Have discussed with Group – see change of wording for “everyone” above in Table 3. It is aspirational – but with elements that are achievable if working with others as stated in document.</p>
Individual	Support Every large park should have toilet	

	<p>and washing facilities for parents, children, older people etc. Businesses to sponsor.</p> <p>Volunteers cannot do everything Financial support is essential Parks must be kept free from commercial interests other than small cafes.</p> <p>Every park to have small food outlet Need to keep parks in public ownership – funded by the public need to be there for all time for health and well-being.</p> <p>We need trees to be replanted to help with air quality – opportunity for businesses</p>	<p>Text change in activities – see above; and next actions – Q9 above.</p> <p>Next actions – Q9 above – but also Foundation opportunity Next actions – Q9 above – position statement?</p> <p>Next actions – Q9 above Next actions – Q9 – position statement?</p> <p>Next actions – Q9 above</p>
Individual	<p>Agree with vision Parks can be made more inviting – getting people out and using the green spaces</p>	<p>Next actions – Q9 above</p>
Parks Group	<p>Support – the vision lifts the heart Value of parks much more than money Provide urban picture to show that we are green spaces in a city</p>	<p>Review photos see above</p>
Individual	<p>I agree with vision – but impatient for plans Makes no mention of the Council or Parks Foundation</p>	<p>Council were not included in this as they may feel differently from us – but like Foundation will be included in Actions – See Q9 above.</p>
Parks Group	<p>Vision Page 2 – used by wildlife and thousands of people every day Page 2 – add “regardless of fame and</p>	<p>While this is good – we are trying to catch people in the opening statement See text change in Table 3</p>



	size” Page 3 – take out CAN – make “Do” Page 4 – Move wildlife bullet point up the page Page 5 – take out “inappropriate” – from point about development	See text change in Table 3 Numbers will be taken out – all activities equal.  To be discussed by meeting – see Table 3
Individual	Fully support the vision	
Individual	It is good and I agree with the approach	
Parks Group	Supporting the vision Small steps are not enough – need Forum to push the vision onto the wider agenda	Agreed – one for the committee and all members of the Forum – could be part of Next Actions – see Q9 above
Individual	Fully support the vision	
Parks Group	Aspirational document and support the objectives. BCC in decline and we cannot slow that. Decisions are being made at glacial speed, if at all. How can BCC defend parks when they allow them to be used for development purposes?	City Council to consider  City Council to consider
Individual	Make sure those making money from parks – coaches, dog walkers contribute financially	One for actions – Q9 above – position statement?
Individual	Happy to review document as a script editor – there are a few repetitions, could be less wordy and more direct. If fix on 2030 – no need to do anything before hand?	Yes, please – but must ensure that we do not change meaning or existing understanding.  See updated text in Table 3 on invitation above
Councillor	You have my full support	
Individual	Vision is really the first page of points - we need that signed up to by	See approach in Table 1 above – to split the document – Vision and questions; then activities

	<p>politicians and council  We want to achieve - is for the Forum  Deliver the vision - for individual members of the Forum</p>	<p>into Action Plan  We need all parties to sign up not just to the Vision – but the activities as well. We do not have all the levers to deliver things, or enough resources. Collaboration and partnerships may be the only way forward</p>
Individual Parks Group	<p>Full support.  Does free to access – mean no cost for holding events in parks</p>	<p>That was not the intention – there is a range of views on charging in the Forum – only covers access.</p>
Other Group	<p>Supports the high level and aspirational standard against which specific proposals can be judged.  Need specific actions  Needs reference to emerging Parks Foundation and Council  Need to include benefits of walking</p>	<p>One for next actions – see Q9 above  One for next actions – see Q9 above  Change text see Table 3 above</p>
Other Group	<p>Support</p>	
Individual	<p>Support</p>	
Other group	<p>Support  Applauds the work being done in support of Bristol’s parks by the Forum  What is the desired character of parks in 2030?  Campaign for legal duty – is there a comparator duty  Why no mention of Council?    Need to maintain awareness of activities to maximise involvement in</p>	<p>Next actions – See Q9 above - will vary from park to park  Not sure – have worked through various models – none exactly fit. It is part of Charter for Parks  Not sure if Council would support the vision – no reply so far. See Next Actions – Q9 above    Totally agree – next actions see Q9 above.  Listening and responding can be a very powerful</p>

	<p>parks – not just listening and responding</p> <p>Would it help to list where these parks and green spaces are</p> <p>It looks odd that doesn't mention foundation, budget cuts and pressure to raise income.</p>	<p>tool in the right situation.</p> <p>Definitely – next actions – Q9 above. Already done to some degree on BPF website – but not location map.</p> <p>We cannot avoid them – but we have to look to the future as well – and catch people without a knowledge of these. If you are too negative with this document – do people turn away?</p>
Individual	<p>Green spaces absolutely crucial to the health of a city</p> <p>They need to be maintained by apolitical organisation – Trust or something</p> <p>Bringing in more concessions and advertising opposed to idea of being about health and apolitical</p> <p>Vision is pretty good – it is going to be difficult to have parks as outstanding – is of a high standard better?</p> <p>Parks are educational – not just about children – but sustainable practices, segregation of cyclist and walkers, management of dogs and children etc</p> <p>Parks should be leading the way to a sustainable society.</p> <p>What about the costs of what you are proposing?</p>	<p>See ongoing work for Foundation</p> <p>Next actions – See Q9 above – position Statement?</p> <p>See point in text changes in Table 3 above</p> <p>Educational added see text changes in Table 3 above</p> <p>Add to text – see text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>Next actions – See Q9 above</p>
Individual	<p>Summarises very clearly what we would all hope our parks to be in the</p>	

	<p>coming years. Nothing more to add</p>	
Other Group	<p>Support – really positive vision – setting out how important parks and green spaces are to all of us. There are different demands and tensions to be taken into account in the final version – see below. Share many of the goals of the Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parks are exemplars of sustainable building practices</li> <li>- Facilities for dog walkers include adequate bins and where appropriate segregated areas where dogs can run free</li> <li>- Areas for sports facilities, play and other activities where appropriate</li> <li>- Designated quiet routes through parks to enable cycling across the city</li> <li>- Need to manage activities that damage parks and open spaces – in a way that balances needs of all parks users</li> <li>- Need to balance the necessity for revenue with need to avoid over-commercialisation</li> <li>- Solutions that enable volunteers to take part without new obstacles</li> <li>- Clarity on management of</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting to consider all comments – and consider whether to change existing text. Could be that can be covered in next actions – see Q9 – either as actions or position statements. Note overlaps with others comments.</p>

	<p>issues in each location – who to contact, how things will be dealt with – and use of by laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New uses of open spaces to support green/blue - SUDS infrastructure</li> <li>- Opportunities for native species and nature areas to be created in suitable areas to allow green corridors</li> <li>- More supportive events non-commercial system</li> <li>- Maintenance without harmful herbicides</li> </ul>	
Individual	<p>Agree Please support the Mail on Sunday campaign</p>	<p>Committee to consider. Vision needs to cover 12 years and beyond in addition to a single campaign.</p>
Individual	<p>Excellent document as short and focussed. Support</p>	
Parks Group	<p>Broadly support Are list of objectives in priority order?</p>	<p>The objectives were number to help comments and also show links between parts of the document. Numbers will be removed.</p>
Other Group	<p>Broadly support Gives evidence of the problems women are facing when using Parks and Green Spaces and their causes – maintenance and design issues, lighting, seclusion, signs and maps, phones, community watch groups and staff trained to watch for issues, reclaim the area by holding events etc Free access to everyone – need to acknowledge barriers about access</p>	<p>Next actions – see Q9 above</p> <p>See change to text in Table 3 above – but also next</p>

	<p>Enhancing physical and mental health – can you acknowledge impact on safety of people? We look forward to working with you on taking this forward.</p>	<p>actions – see Q9. Implied in text – but definitely bring forward in actions – see Q9 Much appreciated – happy to do so.</p>
Parks Group	<p>Lacks substance in some parts – needs to be more grounded Formatting and English got in the way of understanding – got into editing first – cannot see wood for trees Do not want to see if published as it is – as formatting is all over the place</p> <p>The vision has to be the Vision – not for or at 2030 We are not in a competition – to be outstanding, best etc. The vision needs to be one big statement We need flexibility on how we manage each space For all – not just about proximity and accessibility – but also commercial usage Balance is going to be hard in the future Assets should not be sold off – but we do not want parks covered in tents etc all year round We need to keep as much parks space, if not more than we have now Little opportunity for creating new</p>	<p>See approach in Table 1 above</p> <p>This will be reviewed – see comments above about design and text Tables 2 and 3 – and offer of review by text editor Agreed – this will corrected – see comments above about design in Table 2</p> <p>See approach above. Table 1</p> <p>See text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>See approach change in Table 1 above</p> <p>Agreed see next actions – see Q9 – is each park different, unique, reflecting its own circumstances?</p> <p>Or it may not....</p> <p>See text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>Can we retrofit improvements to existing parks?</p>

	<p>parks and open spaces  Maintain what we have in public ownership and usage  Mix at the moment – is consultation, vision and exhortation – it is not clear – too abstract but also exhorting people to take part  Do we wish to have activities which are not good for our areas?  Needs to be shorter and pithy  Needs to have actions attached  PDF of suggestions attached.....</p>	<p>See text changes in Table 3 – and approach ideas in Table 1.</p> <p>See text change above</p> <p>See approach change in Table 1  Next actions – see Question 9  See text changes in Table 3</p>
Individual	<p>Too vague to be useful – unless next stage is more specific  Statements 2 and 5 too much alike</p> <p>Mention educational value of our green space – especially for children</p> <p>Add words – Local Nature Reserve to Parks and Green Spaces</p> <p>Use a single vision statement – Bristol Parks, Local Nature reserves and other green spaces will be places that promote health, enjoyment, fun and learning of everyone; they will be safe, well maintained and sustainable and they will be a source of great pride for everyone who lives and works in Bristol</p>	<p>Next actions – see Question 9</p> <p>2 is about all areas of the city – 5 about everyone – keep separate. But may need better clarity. See text change in Table 3 above.  See text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>Sentence becomes too long – and not many people know about LNRs – keeping it simple for non-Parks readers</p> <p>See approaches in Table 1 above</p>

Other Group	<p>We find much to welcome. Pleased to see vision recognises importance of parks and green – and their essential role and multiple benefits</p> <p>We support the need to review what the city and its people need and how that is delivered and maintained. Need to be aware of West of England and Planning context.</p>	<p>Next action – See Q9 above</p> <p>Next action – See Q9 above</p>
Individual	<p>Support Seems to depend on volunteers. BCC attitude to volunteers is ambivalent – volunteers substituting for paid employees There needs to be commitment to the Vision at every level if it is to be successful.</p>	<p>City Council to consider</p> <p>Agreed – Forum to note</p>
Individual	<p>Vision is very sensible. Will support this.</p>	
Individual	<p>Vision very good succinct and compares well with London. Like campaigning for legal duty – vital to protect spaces from threat of development and official neglect. Protecting from inappropriate development or use very important – especially if ideas for making parks pay bring overuse and use by general public curtailed. What is “hubs of activity for local communities” – what is involved? Like emphasis on local people and</p>	<p>Next Actions – Q9 above</p> <p>Next Actions – Q9 above</p> <p>Consider new wording in Table 3 to do this Next Actions – Q9 above</p>



	communities getting involved – for health and well-being and community spirit building. Inexpensive way to combat loneliness.	
Individual	<p>Very neatly and elegantly all main aspects and present them as positive in a forward thinking manner.          Won't provide a solution to issues – but could act as a point of focus and direction.          Considering funding issues – could Vision including as much power sharing as possible – taking control out of the politicians and bureaucrats – and devolving to parks groups and trust. This is hinted at in the Vision – more explicit?          Concerned about poor maintenance, inappropriate use and over-commercialisation, dangerous shared pedestrian and cycle space, lack of basic facilities such as toilets, and needs of wildlife.</p>	<p>Review – but could be covered by Foundation and individual parks decisions – as part of Next Actions – see Q9 above.</p> <p>Next Actions – see Q9 above – position statement</p>
Parks Group	Support	
Other Groups	<p>It's a great document.          Add details of protection of parks and green spaces – and may be aim to protect a certain number or percentage          Council have not engaged with us over many years – which is a great shame.          Please use our research to help your</p>	<p>Next Actions – see Q9 above – position statement?</p>

	document with appropriate credits please.	
Parks Group	Support and look forward to see it moved to implementation and action	
Parks Group	Supports it as it stands	
Parks Group	Fully support	
Parks Group	Fully Support	
Parks Group	Consensus not reached. Could it conflict with existing management plans – unlikely but a risk?	
Parks Group	Whole heartedly support We are exploring taking more responsibility for and managing park assets. Need more shared control and if relevant community control of improvements to local parks and their assets. But how can we move from where we are now to a model/blueprint of working with the Council and have more control to get on and make decisions	Links to Foundation and matter for City Council.
Parks Group	Agree fully with lists for Vision and Green Spaces should be.... Links directly to need to continue free public access to assets.	
Parks Group	No interest in Vision. City Council and Central Government the worse in living memory for Parks. We will be lucky if there are any parks left in 10 years.	
Parks Group	Support without alteration	
Parks Group	Support without alteration	
Parks Group	Support as it currently stands	

Parks Group	Support as it stands	
Parks Group	<p>Agree</p> <p>If population is to grow by 100,000 over the next 20 years – with more housing infill and high-rise...there will be less access to gardens – and more use of parks and green spaces. This will put pressure on maintenance, increase clashes between events and quiet, and limit the ability of wildlife to thrive.</p> <p>Some areas of larger parks and green spaces are made inaccessible and reserved solely for wildlife</p>	<p>Consider whether this should be in the Vision – or Next Actions – see Q9 above - position papers?</p>
Parks Group	<p>Unanimously in favour</p> <p>Please continue to work to support the environment of Bristol.</p> <p>Some parks and green spaces boast excellent varieties of specimen trees – which could be used for educational purposes to learn more about the natural environment</p> <p>Needs “inappropriate use” being specifically and carefully defined</p> <p>Training for apprentices could be provided in repairing stone boundary walls.</p> <p>Concerned about limited money available for parks and green spaces</p> <p>It would be great to see a “volunteer force”</p> <p>Is insurance for volunteers an issue?</p> <p>Cycling on designed paths only</p>	<p>Text change in Table 3 above to include educational</p> <p>See discussion in Table 3, plus Next Actions – Q9 above</p> <p>Next actions – Q9 above</p> <p>Next actions Q9 above – Foundation and Bristol City Council</p> <p>Next actions Q9 above – for all points below.</p>

	<p>No off-road motorcycle/moped riding  No barbecues except in designed area of larger sites  No Golf practice allowed – except putting  No loud concerts and music festivals near residential streets  Dog walking – dog walkers to use parks without significant detriment to the environment  Is there a need to have parks/areas where dogs are excluded?  Restrictions on dogs off leash on smaller sites</p>	
Parks Group	Fully supports	
Parks Group	Happy to support	
Parks Group	<p>In favour of the vision.  Introduction – Para 2 – should include:  Park Run  Meeting with Friends</p> <p>Vision  What does outstanding mean and how is it measured?  Inclusive and accessible for all and actively promoted to everyone in all areas of the city.  NEW – A place for people and wildlife  Welcoming to all people (regardless of gender, age ethnic origin, colour, religion etc  What does “hubs of...for local</p>	<p>Covered in taking part in sports  See text change above</p> <p>See text change above</p> <p>See text change above – not really related to the point about areas being throughout the city</p> <p>Implicit throughout the document  See text change above</p> <p>See text change above</p>

	<p>communities” mean?  A place for people of all ages to enjoy  Easily accessible to all and free  An asset to the city  Places that have a positive influence on our mental and physical health and general well-being  Recognised for their value – How?  A place where wildlife thrives  A place where people can learn about their heritage and environment  Places where our heritage can be protected and explored  NEW – Used by more people especially in areas where public health is poor  Achieve the vision by:  Does this clearly explain how the vision is to be achieved  Ensuring that everyone has access to a pleasant green space  Campaigning for a law that means that local and national governments have a legal duty to protect and maintain parks and green spaces  Protect wildlife  Investigating and displaying the heritage of our parks and green spaces.  Celebrating our parks and green spaces whenever possible  Encouraging people and groups to</p>	<p>See text change above  See text change above  See text change above  See text change above    Next steps above Q9 – one for position paper?  See text change above  Not just learn – but experience.    See text change above    See text change above – but too long.    See next steps Q9 above – actions?    See text change above    See text change above – amended from here    Does not include Enhancement    See next steps above – potential action  See text change above – but do we need whenever possible  See text change above – see also what you can do.</p>
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	participate in voluntary activities that enhance parks and green spaces.	
Parks Group	Agree with the vision, which matches our own.	
Parks Group	<p>Agree</p> <p>Vision very good succinct and compares well with London.</p> <p>Like campaigning for legal duty – vital to protect spaces from threat of development and official neglect. Protecting from inappropriate development or use very important – especially if ideas for making parks pay bring overuse and use by general public curtailed.</p> <p>What is “hubs of activity for local communities” – what is involved?</p> <p>Like emphasis on local people and communities getting involved – for health and well-being and community spirit building. Inexpensive way to combat loneliness.</p>	<p>Next actions – See Q9 above</p> <p>Consider new wording in Table 3 to do this – see above. See also Q9 above.</p>
Parks Group	<p>Support</p> <p>Don't want BCC Cllrs and officers relying too heavily on volunteers taking on what was in past BCC responsibility.</p> <p>Like Vision's positive approach.</p> <p>Introduction – change “different than” to “different from”.</p> <p>Point 9 – no need for commas</p> <p>No mention of cyclists anywhere – is it meant to be included – many parks</p>	<p>City Council to consider</p> <p>See text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>See text change in Table 3 above</p> <p>See text change in Table 3 above</p>

	are used as thorough routes and short cuts to places. Can we encourage responsible use of parks for cycling?	Next actions – See Q9 above – position statement
Parks Group	Of those on the committee who responded we fully support the vision.	
Councillor	You have my full support	
Other Group	You have the support of our Group	

ANNEX B – the Jigsaw graphic – use the pictures or perhaps only primary colours to make it stand out – plus wording needs refining. Do we need one slide “hanging out”?

It is making the point that we need all the actions to achieve the vision – and they are interlinked. This is not stated in the text at the moment – visual would be better? **JIGSAW idea dropped.**

