

Bristol's New Local Plan

AN INTRODUCTION AND WHAT THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN DOING

An introduction 1 – what is it?

A number of areas in our city are already changing physically.

The Local Plan sets out policies and approaches which affect those changes in the future.

The Site Allocations part of it – identifies locations which are due to change in certain ways.

It is used to help make decisions on relevant Planning Applications.

The last version has been in place since 2011 and 2014.

An update is long overdue, and desperately needed.

It has been developed by a Cross-Party working group of Cllrs.

The final formal consultation is due in the Autum. To be follow by an examination in public in the Summer 2024, before being signed off by Central Government and coming into force.

An introduction 2 – what does it mean for Parks and Green Spaces?

As parks group or individuals interested in Parks and Green spaces the Plan will:

- Set out which areas of the city will be subject to significant change (regeneration areas)
- Confirm which regeneration areas and sites from the old plan are still up for redevelopment.
- Potentially set out a further 70 sites marked for redevelopment
- Set out what planning protections your park and green space will have; and
- Set out policies which affect the way that parks and green spaces (and allotments and food growing projects) will be treated in planning applications etc.

Even if you are not affected, when it comes out please check how you think changes in your local area could affect your park and green space.

Parks Forum Committee – Update 1

Back in January the Committee asked for contributions to a response to the consultation on part of the Plan. The response sent in covered the following summary points:

- Apply Allotments protection to Parks and Green Spaces
- There should be no loss of parks and greens spaces due to development
- New parks and green spaces need to be created in Central Bristol, in addition to improving existing parks. These can be pocket parks, play areas up to a large park.
- There is a need for parks and green spaces to used alongside the wording for open space/public realm which gives more options for what can be provided
- There is a need to show regeneration areas in the same level of detail of what is going to happen, as in other areas
- The better protection given by Local Green Space to cover all publically owned and private parks, green spaces and gardens, including areas left over after development within new development.
- There is a need to provide more information on the links between Green Space standards and Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity and Nature Recovery policies.

Parks Forum Committee – Update 2

Since that letter was sent in, we have:

- Replied to a consultation on the Temple Quarter regeneration area in Central Bristol.
- Replied to a number of individual developments in Central Bristol, especially the Broadmead and St Phillips areas.
- Met with Cllr Beech on Monday 26th June for an informal conversation about our concerns, and suggested solutions

Is it sufficient to rely on improvements to existing parks such as Castle Park, Victoria Park, The Dings, Temple Park, Sparke Evans and Riverside Park; plus within development public realm/play space to support the health and well-being of potentially thousands of new residents in those areas. (Eg: current estimates Broadmead c2,300 homes and St Phillips c2,050 to 7,000 homes)?

NB: Other areas not estimated here such as Bedminster Green, Whitehouse Street, Mead Street, rest of Temple Quarter, Western Harbourside and Frome Gateway, are in addition to these figures.

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In response to the Central Bristol situation – the Committee has been:

 Supporting the improvement of existing spaces, plus the provision of within development public realm/play space

Proposing a green corridor between Castle Park and St James Barton along Merchant Street in

Broadmead (see below)

• Proposing a brand new large park – in the St Philips Area.

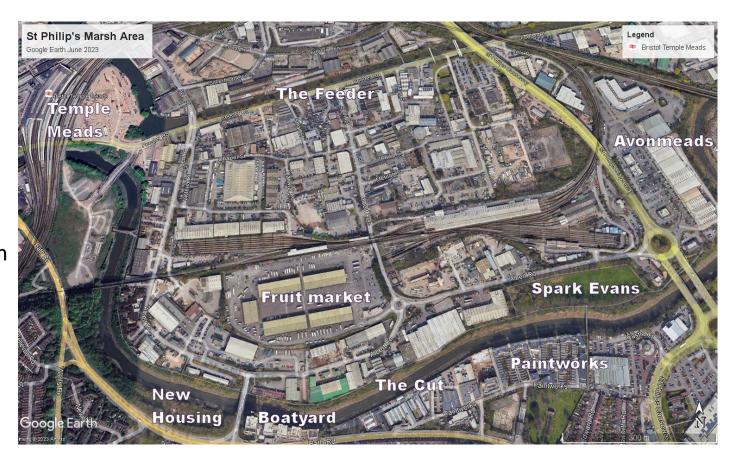


St Philips – location for a new large park?

What, Where

Linear Park along The Cut

Green space on public authority land



When and How

Close a road and turn into green space

Part of potential sports stadium

Thankyou for listening.

ANY QUESTIONS?