



Bristol Parks Forum

*Campaigning to protect and enhance all public green space
in the City of Bristol.*

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www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/vision

Dear Frome Gateway Team.

Consultation on the Frome Gateway Spatial Regeneration Framework September 2023 – response from Bristol Parks Forum Committee.

The Bristol Parks Forum Committee is writing to respond to the above consultation.

The Bristol Parks Forum is the only community voice dedicated to all publicly owned parks and green spaces in Bristol. We work with Bristol City Council to ensure our spaces are well looked after and to help local groups to enhance their green space. Further information about the Forum can be found at <http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/>

Bristol Parks Forum committee considers that there is insufficient parks and green space provision in the Frome Gateway Regeneration proposals.

The significant increase in residents and employees in the actual, and surrounding areas, mean that greater parks and green space provision is needed. Including a decent sized area which will allow for different types of recreational enjoyment, which in turn would provide benefits to people's health and well-being; as well as contributing to the city's nature recovery.

We question whether the improvements to the River Frome contribute to the vital provision of wildlife corridors. The foreword clearly states "Through this project the river will become a thriving ecological corridor for all to enjoy." However, the proposed corridor cannot be a wildlife corridor as it disappears underground as it progresses towards the River Avon; therefore the wildlife that relies upon the natural ecology of the riverside, flora, trees, invertebrates, etc. needs a wildlife corridor to link with Castle Park.

Our view is that Riverside Park is not a large park. There is however, a real need for, on top of any parks and green spaces improved or added here through a land swap or a similar mechanism, the provision of a large green space in Central Bristol.

The plans for Frome Gateway, Broadmead, Temple Quarter and other development areas in Central Bristol are failing to consider this in any joined up way. This would create the danger of the whole central area being left with

a deficit of green open space. This in turn would lead to the failure to deliver the health and well-being benefits of green space to people; and to make a positive contribution to tackling the city's ecological emergency.

Please keep us informed of the progress of this project, using the email address info@bristolparksforum.org.uk

If you have any questions on our response, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Len Wyatt
Chair

For Bristol Parks Forum
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