



Bristol Parks Forum

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in the City of Bristol.*

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Dear Nicola

PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN – FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF A NEW LARGE GREEN PARK IN ST PHILLIPS

Thank you for the conversation on the 26th June exploring the Parks Forum's comments on the Nov 2022 Local Plan 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/>

The Forum Committee have noted that the Council will be checking on the way that the designation of Local Green Space can be used. Both as a designation of existing green spaces; and its potential application to green spaces which are part of a completed development site.

We discussed the idea of a new large park in the St Phillips area, as a means of improving the health and well-being of potentially thousands of new residents in Central Bristol; and providing benefits to wildlife.

The Forum Committee can understand the constraints on some of the ideas which we are considering, especially in terms of landownerships, and practicality.

The Committee also understand the importance of Frameworks and Masterplanning in influencing development in an area.

However, we feel that without the inclusion of wording within the Local Plan consultation in the autumn, a positive opportunity would be lost.

The Committee asks for wording which allows for a practical consideration of the opportunity for a new large green park in the St Phillips area to be included in the full consultation version of the Plan.

The reason for this request is that our experience is that if an idea is not supported throughout the relevant documentation, it has less chance of being considered properly.

At the Bristol Parks Forum full meeting on the 1st July, we did briefly report back on our conversation, within the context of preparing our groups to be ready for the full consultation in the Autumn.

A copy of this letter has been sent to:
Cllr Ellie King, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities; and
Local Plan Team, Planning Department, Bristol City Council

If you have any queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Len Wyatt
Chair
For Bristol Parks Forum
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