

# Area Committee 4

## Supplementary Information



**Date:** Wednesday, 28 July 2021

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

### 5. Public Forum

Please see the public information sheet attached to the agenda for information and detail about public forum processes. For this specific meeting, the deadlines were: **(Pages 2 - 3)**

- The deadline for Public Forum Questions 5pm on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021.
- The deadline for Public Forum Statements 12 noon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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It would greatly assist in the planning of the meeting within covid safe practices if you could inform us if you plan to attend the meeting as a member of the press or public. This would help us plan for the capacity of the meeting room.

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## QUESTION PQ01

My name is Liz Sheehan, I set up the Friends of Rodney Road group during the lockdown last year, as we recognise that we have under utilised green space (some might call a dog toilet) in Rodney Road playing field. This is not to say the space isn't well loved by the community but hasn't had any attention for many years.

This has emphasised the importance of smaller local green spaces in Bristol, where dedicated but smaller communities have come to rely on the spaces.

Do you councillors recognise and support enhancing these neighbourhood spaces as much as destination green spaces?

Many years ago Rodney Road playing field played host to a local football club but following a fire was left as an empty field. More recently the one tree per child initiative has introduced many trees and we would like to build on this to make the best possible use of the space available and making access safer, supporting local families to have a closer relationship with nature and making the field accessible to all with a path.

### **Response:**

The Area Committee is pleased to receive your Public Forum question. The Committee works in partnership with people in their communities to make best use of the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 funds available to improve local quality of life. Improving local parks and green spaces is a significant part of this and the Committee is well aware of the importance of these spaces within communities. We are also aware that the support of local people for their green spaces is crucial to their care and to the sense of local pride and community spirit. We will definitely take your comments about the importance of this space into account when we consider the Outline Proposals we want to invite to bring forward for funding allocation decisions at the formal meeting of the Committee in November 2021.

## QUESTION PQ02

My name is Jeremy Jones, an owner-occupier living with my partner and 4-year-old child on Soundwell Road, on the Bristol side of Kingswood.

I am writing to you in relation to the Soundwell Road Traffic Calming Project.

My own experience of living on this road for 12 months shows me that the situation on Soundwell Road is entirely unacceptable and is becoming worse in terms of pedestrian safety, damage to parked cars, road user conflict, traffic volume and general aggression.

The main contributors to this situation are the poor road design (which is a narrow, has a blind bend caused by parked vehicles and is lacking any safe crossing point), a constant stream of HGVs passing through and aggressive and dangerous road user behaviour, which is likely caused by frustration at the poor road design. Another issue is the lack of parking for residents, as the street is used as free parking for shoppers in Kingswood. This situation will be further worsened by the building of additional flats at the junction with Two Mile Hill, which has no parking provision whatsoever.

I am completely confident that my experiences and views are shared and representative of the majority of residents on this street.

My question is how the Council is going to reverse the feeling that we as residents on Soundwell Road have been left behind and make us feel both safe and proud to live on Soundwell Road again. We are part of Kingswood, yet because we are not in South Gloucestershire, the impact to our street of parking and traffic measures taken by the neighbouring authority has not been considered. We experience all of the negatives of living right next to a town centre, such as rat-running and unfair parking, yet we have received none of the measures to mitigate against these.

I hope that this will be discussed and considered in your next Area 4 meeting.

**Response:**

The Area Committee is pleased to receive your Public Forum question. The Committee works in partnership with people in their communities to make best use of the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 funds available to improve local quality of life. Improving the safety of local highways and more sustainable transport use is a significant part of this and the Committee is well aware of the importance of safer highways to the sense of local community spirit. We will definitely take the local insight you've offered in your comments about this highway issue into account when we consider the Outline Proposals we want to invite to bring forward for funding allocation decisions at the formal meeting of the Committee in November 2021.

**QUESTION PQ03**

My name is Mary Taylor and I'm speaking in support of the traffic calming cil proposal which has been submitted to this committee. You may aware that £50K was already allocated to hillside road however in consultation with the transport team at BCC we agreed that an extension to funds could benefit the whole of Hillside road and surrounding streets. As luck would have it a development at the end of Hillside Road is being built and this has closed our road for 12 months. This feels like a great opportunity to see hillside road with no rat running. My question to the committee is 'do you support us that rat running should be removed from Bristol's streets and agree the closure is a great opportunity for BCC transport to test what happens to displaced traffic?'

**Response:**

The Area Committee is pleased to receive your Public Forum question. Improving the safety of local highways and more sustainable transport use is a significant contribution to the quality of life and general community spirit in local neighbourhoods. Your local insight and information about this opportunity and how it could link to existing funding is very helpful. The Committee does support schemes to tackle rat running wherever it occurs across the AC4 area and your scheme is an interesting potential solution in your local neighbourhood. The Committee will definitely take the comments you've provided about this highway issue into account when we consider the Outline Proposals we want to invite to bring forward for funding allocation decisions at the formal meeting of the Committee in November 2021.