

**Statement: PS08.01**

**Cabinet – 6 October 2020**

**Re: Agenda item 8 – Temple Quarter Update**

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We welcome the progress on the plans for this quarter of the city but we are still concerned about the access to the station for bus services especially with the new eastern entrance which will require bus services to the new university' campus. The bridge heights mean that only single decker bus can access the back of the station.

East Bristol and Kingswood have no direct access to the back of the station. The only access is by railway via bus services to Lawrence Hill station and has limited disabled access. 6 7 37 42 43 44 45 from Kingswood, Hanham and St George and take the train service to Bristol Temple meads or change at Old Market Street and walk to the back of the station or the 8 or 72a bus to Temple Meads station or 376 178 to the bottom of the approach road. 506 bus stops in Avon Street in one direction only. The answer is to look at lowering Cattle Market Road under the bridge by a few feet to allow double decker access to the station at Temple gate. This would allow a new bus network from East Bristol to operate from the Kingswood and East Bristol area via Feeder Road and to the Brislington and St Anne's area of the city link the 99 route did years ago.

The university will require better bus access and with social distancing single decker bus capacity is limited to 18 seats, 33 on a double decker.

We also want coach access to the station for National Express Coaches and megabus as these operators like to serve university campuses.

The needs to be a booking ticket facilities at the eastern entrance.