



DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 20TH JUNE 2016

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RECOMMENDATION

- a) **Decide if Dundry View NP should join the Bristol Walking Alliance**
- b) **Appointment of Partnership member to represent Dundry View at BWA meetings and feedback to the Partnership**

1. Background

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership plan promotes positive walking whether that is for health and wellbeing, sport or enjoyment. Our area has several active walking groups and have many great walks for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) has been up and running since last year, though not officially 'launched' until May 17 2016. In its own words, "The Bristol Walking Alliance is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol's walking environment. We want to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive." Its aim, set out in its manifesto) is 'to make Bristol the best city for walking in the world.'

This proposal, recommends the Neighbourhood Partnership to join the Alliance, and commit to its aims – just as other NPs have already done.

2. Why do it?

- a. Everyone walks. So it's important that walking shouldn't be made more difficult by obstructed pavements and other hazards. Our Highway sub group constantly receives complaints concerning obstruction caused by problem parking on pavements.
- b. Walking is one of the healthiest activities for all age groups and all abilities
- c. The motorised alternatives to walking all bring health and environmental disbenefits
- d. Neighbourhood Partnerships have a role in advising the council and others in all those local decisions that affect walkers – and the Walking Alliance can help channel our concerns
- e. our NP area already includes a number of active walking groups.
- f. Walking locally strengthens a sense of 'place'.

3. Council context

Cllr Fi Hance is now the Cabinet Member who leads on City Health & Well-being. Her brief will include implementing the Mayor's public health agenda, which has specific 'asks' such as:

- a. an accelerated updating of the Walking Strategy;
- b. progress on the Living Heart agenda for the city centre;
- c. encouragement for Neighbourhood Partnerships to develop their approaches to walking, including support for Bristol Walking Alliance's 'Walkable Neighbourhoods' event later this year;
- d. adoption of appropriate design standards for infrastructure works; (not sure what that means)
- e. recognition that walking is not cycling, although the interests of the two are often aligned.

4. What is the ask?

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to appoint one member to convene a group of NP members and residents with an interest in promoting walking, or this could be with an existing sub group of the NP such as Pride of Place and to represent it at meetings (currently monthly) of the BWA.