

## **Statement: CS11.01**

**Cabinet – 1 December 2020**

**Re: Agenda item 11 - Stabilisation of Redland Hill Parapet Wall and Retaining Rock Face**

**Statement submitted by: Councillors Martin Fodor and Fi Hance**

We're writing to support this proposal and thank the council for stepping in and tackling this problem.

Since the collision of a lorry with the Spire Wall on Redland Hill in late 2017 the north side of the road pavement has been impassable and subject of many complaints; the temporary path was also impassable for months on end, forcing those with wheelchairs or buggies onto the opposite pavement. Of particular concern was a period when this pavement was also blocked, which was not only inconvenient but dangerous.

In frustration we sought help from the council lawyers for what is really a matter between private insurers. At the time there was a long stalemate and the repairs were not happening.

The supplementary images show the magnitude of this project which has escalated from the original estimate of £230,561 to works that are now at £942,094.

We'd like to support the proposal to seek approval for the additional £442,217 over and above the £500k threshold. This is on the basis this is at no overall cost to the council once recovered from the site owner, The Spire.

It's been a frustrating, lengthy and fitful process for the reasons set out in the report but we finally hopeful that an end is in sight.