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Re: Agenda item 20 - Bedminster Green Framework Area

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Statement to Bristol City Council,

Cabinet

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In relation to the Bedminster Green Framework Area (agenda Item 20):

FoSBR is pleased to see that potential 4-tracking of the railway at Bedminster is recognised by the planning process.

Network Rail are unlikely to be able to provide details of any changes that this may entail at Bedminster station at this stage. However, when extra tracks were installed on Filton Bank recently, both Stapleton Road and Filton Abbeywood stations were extensively remodelled.

The earlier proposal to extend the station subway towards Bedminster Green should be reconsidered in the light of the four-tracking project - which may provide an opportunity to raise the northernmost track sufficiently to allow room for the subway to pass below.

Bedminster station is not EA-compliant at present. If the triangle of land between the station and Whitehouse Lane is built on now, it will make it more difficult and expensive to improve access to Bedminster station by whatever means in future.

Paragraph 13 of BCC's Decision Pathway report suggests that, because of the supposed difficulties of creating a new entrance to the northern (Bedminster Green) side of the station, the focus should be on access and wayfinding improvements to the current station entrance. However the possibility that 4-tracking may after all create opportunity for a more suitable, northern access to be built means that building on plot 5, as envisaged, should be re-considered.