

A3 PUBLIC STATEMENT.

Dear councillors

Whilst we in principle support the restoration of the Bridge over Kingsweston lane .
We can not support the Bridge is being removed and rebuilt with steps as pointed out by
Shirehampton conservation Group.

The Bridge is 1820 in Conservation area
Of Kingsweston and Trym valley
Surrounded by Grade 1 Kingsweston House and its large
and is on a public footpath Bc110
Which we would point out is being made accessible in Parts .

Just because the Bridge was hit in 2015 2017 .damaging the Bridge and again in 2018 .
The Highway Engineer answers was to raise the Bridge on B4057 rather than repairing the the
Bridge and putting Network rail Type safe Bars before the Bridge .
We note the totally lack of an equalities impact assessments in the Report.

The Bridge and footpath should being made fully accessible in line with Government Transport policy
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On walking and cycling.

With £ 1 million pounds of Taxpayers money being used to fund this Bridge
a fully accessible Bridge and Footway should be put in place not steps to Higher the Bridge.
Bristol city council and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.
Mayor Malvin Rees and metro mayor Dan Norris have made it clear that Transport and sustainable
transport scheme should be fully accessible.

This scheme discriminates against Disabled people and mothers and Fathers with buggies.
This project has had not proper consultation with the Bristol disabled equalities forum or Bristol
equalities commission.
Both organisations sit on the mayors Transport Board .
We in fact have support the budget of £1 million pounds in the budget last year to restore the Bridge
but than have never been consulted on the design of the Bridge Gordon Richardson sits on the
Equalities commission and both of us on the Transport Board but we never been consulted
The equalities act 2010 puts a public equalities duty of Bristol city council as planning and Transport
Authority and
The west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority.

But in this case Bristol city council is giving planning permission to itself.
as planning and Highway Authority.

The alternative for mothers and Fathers with buggies and Disabled people is to cross a very
busy Kingsweston lane .
Is to cross this road with drop Kerbs and traffic lights.
This scheme make no provision for protected characteristics.

The local Action group was it very supportive that they want the Bridge restored and returned to it
former Glory
In what is both an area enjoyed for walking running and cycling and it woods and country estate and
a city Tourism area

I Draw the committee attention to the shirehampton conservation group view that the area the Bridge and connecting Footways should be made fully accessible.

I note the Transport select committee inquiry into pavements and public parking makes recommendations on the need full fully accessible footway

We would ask the city council to re look at the Design to the Bridge full accessible or Refuse the planning application and listed build consents at Tomorrow meeting.

We are hoping to send a representative from the forum to speak to the planning committee

I would be nice to fit of course like Somerset county council and south Gloucestershire council if the meeting were hybrid so disabled and others could talk part .

We would also like to note that South Gloucestershire Den .

Would like to object as the Trym valley run through North Bristol and into South Gloucestershire Disability equilities Network area .

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