

Statement: PS19.01

Cabinet – 24TH JANUARY 2023

Re: Agenda item 19 – Using City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Liveable Neighbourhood funding to complete Streetspace and related schemes

Statement submitted by: Abdul Malik

I write to support the funding bid for improvements to St Marks Road in Easton.

St Marks Road is a catalyst of hope and unity for the whole city - we are an award winning high street that is proud of its heritage and roots set in the inner city, namely in Easton.

For years the road has been neglected by the council and there has been hardly any infrastructure work for this thriving high street.

We have had several meetings recently and we are happy that our local councillors see our value and are working with officers on a potential scheme that will see a new road surface and furniture as well as a few other minor but important improvements.

We understand that £10,000 is becoming available from WECA and along with the CIL and current maintenance money, we are now hopeful that this will fund the proposed scheme to improve our road and the scheme will become a reality.

We write to support the work of our local councillors (Cllr Barry Parsons and Cllr Jenny Bartle) and we write to support the approval of funds to improve St Marks Road.

We would also appreciate it if this work could be done as soon as possible.

Abdul Malik

CO-Chair of the St Marks Road Community Group

Chair of Easton Jamia Masjid

Owner of Pak Butchers

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Statement submitted by: Abbid Hussain

We have become aware of the potential of some extra funding from WECA for the infrastructure work on St Marks Road. We are writing to support this proposal and associated work - the road has suffered from no repair work for many many years and with the mosques new redevelopment it would be amazing to see the proposed scheme delivered this year to compliment the new mosque frontage and dome.

We are thankful to our local councillors and the administration for the proposed scheme and we would appreciate it if the works can no go ahead without any delay.

Abbid Hussain

Secretary and Trustee

Easton Jamia Masjid CIO

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Statement submitted by: Mary Stevens

As a parent at May Park Primary School I am delighted to see a proposal to encourage safe and more sustainable routes to school being considered at this meeting and I would like to thank the Councillors and officers concerned for their work in developing this proposal.

I am however concerned that unless an area-wide approach is taken to the design of the scheme it will not actually address the current issues around the school and the key barriers to active travel.

Staff and parents at the school have been requesting for some time that the Council works with the school to implement a 'school street' (or temporary closure at drop-off and pick-up times). This is due to the high levels of congestion and resulting issues at pick-up and drop-off times, which have even led to attacks on school staff and enforcement officers by angry drivers. It is not currently possible for families to wheel or cycle safely to the front gates. The lack of access for emergency vehicles caused by congestion is also a concern to residents and the school community.

A wide range of funding options is presented for the scheme (£237k to £650k). Combining a traffic-free route along Rosemary Lane with a school street would help make walking, scooting and cycling the safe and easy choice for families and deliver enormous wellbeing benefits for children, as well as enhancing the green space at Rosemary Green. Please use this opportunity to ensure the proposal can achieve its stated objective by allocating enough funding to create a joined up and coherent scheme, including a school street for May Park.

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Statement submitted by: Nicola Canning

As a parent at May Park Primary I am pleased to see plans to create safer and more sustainable routes to school being discussed at this meeting.

It's really important that all the issues are considered together; please take this opportunity to look at the whole area and combine a traffic-free route with a school street to make walking, scooting and cycling the safe and easy choice for families.

It would be great to see Rosemary Lane closed and the green space reunited. This would help make active travel to school safer and reduce pollution around the school, which is at unsafe levels.

The current traffic situation at school is unsafe for children and families, and we would welcome action to address this.

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Statement submitted by: Katy Evans

As a parent at May Park Primary I am delighted to see plans to create safer and more sustainable routes to school being discussed at this meeting.

It's really important that all the issues are considered together; please take this opportunity to look at the whole area and combine a traffic-free route with a school street to make walking, scooting and cycling the safe and easy choice for families like mine.

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Statement submitted by: Neoma Stanford

I am parent to a child who attends May Park Primary. I am so pleased to hear that there are plans to create safer and more sustainable routes to school being discussed at this meeting.

I would suggest that a number of issues are discussed in relation to this topic. Firstly, it would be so beneficial to take a look at a traffic free access to the school, so that families can get to school in a safe and pleasant environment. The current access to the school is less than desirable. Secondly, I would consider safer road crossing facilities as some of the roads around the school are incredibly unsafe for children and families wishing to cross.

Thank you for your time on this matter

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Statement submitted by: Jayne Tiley

As a parent at May Park Primary School I'm relieved to hear about proposals to create more sustainable routes to school. A huge thank you to everyone in this meeting who is working towards making this area safer and greener for children, parents, and staff. Your efforts are really appreciated.

This particular issue is very close to my heart. My daughter is only 4 years old and already suffers from recurrent chest infections that require an inhaler (and at one stage last year, hospitalisation). According to doctors there's a high chance she'll develop asthma within the next couple of years. Right now, I find the current walk/cycle to and from May Park with her deeply distressing. Cycling and walking at not much more than exhaust-height, she frequently bursts into coughing fits, and I often find myself tapping on the windows of idling vehicles to politely ask them to switch their engines off.

High volumes of traffic on the roads around drop off and pick up time also makes the route feel perilous when we need to cross roads. Implementing a "school road" or traffic-free zone feels so incredibly important. It would not only protect the health of our children and staff, but also act as an education piece; reminding everyone in the area that we MUST start leaving our cars at home if we're to protect our kids' lungs today and their lives tomorrow. It can also boost general wellbeing within the community, improving fitness levels, and increasing solidarity between residents and families as we join forces to take action for the greater good.

If we follow science and compassion then making the May Park area car-free is a no-brainer. We all know the devastating effects of air pollution on youngsters (one 2019 study by King's College London concludes that living within 50 metres of a busy road may increase the risk of lung cancer by 10% and stunt lung growth in kids by 3-14%). Added to this, the climate crisis is now so severe that global emissions must peak in 2025 if our children are to have a liveable future.

Addressing the climate crisis will demand that all of us make sacrifices, adjust our routines – and take steps to wean ourselves off carbon-heavy forms of transport. The next five years are critical. I really hope you use this opportunity – and the maximum budget available – to create a "school street" for May Park that not only does our kids proud, but proves that Bristol Council are national leaders when it comes to tackling the dual issues of air pollution and the climate crisis.