



# AREA COMMITTEE 5

## 18 October 2023

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### Questions

##### 1 – Suzanne Audrey

I would like to submit the following question to the meeting of Area Committee 5 on Wednesday 18 October.

**Question.** Please will you provide an update on progress and a delivery date for the St Lukes Road pedestrian crossing in Totterdown?

I hope to attend the meeting to ask my question.

Best wishes

Suzanne Audrey

Chair of TRESAcic

#### Response

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## 2 -Tom Bosanquet

Hello,

I've got a question for the Public Forum next week, please.

Best, Tom

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We continue to have no clarity on the planned zebra crossing by the St.Luke's Steps - the glacial pace is intolerable. We have children who are now already moving up to Secondary school who have long been expecting a safe route to school - this impinges their freedom & gives regular stress to parents. The road continues to be plagued by speeding drivers meaning it feels extremely hazardous to cross to the park. We've heard that the budget may now be insufficient due to the ongoing dithering.

Questions:

- please update on whether the work is going ahead or if budget constraints are now an issue
- please give a clear time frame of when we can expect completion

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## Statements.

**1 - This statement is made by Sian Ellis-Thomas (Chair) and Lesley Powell (Vice Chair) on behalf of the Friends of Redcatch Park.**

**We submitted several proposals for the Area 5 CIL money for 2023/24. After review in the last few weeks and understanding more about the process involved in the allocation by this committee, we would like you all to be aware of the following points when making your decisions.**

We realise that there are limited funds available for each ward within the area and that there needs to be a fair and equitable allocation of those funds to make the money go as far as possible.

Given the proposed Redcatch Quarter Development bringing up to 2000+ extra people into the park within the next 5 years, we know you understand the clear implications of that on the park and its facilities; **The park will effectively become the garden of the development.**

With that in mind our initial list of proposals formed part of a long term wish list. There will undoubtedly be more added to it as we move forward, liaison with the developers continues and our understanding grows.

Obviously, our priority is the park, which serves an estimated 200k people per year, not just from Knowle but all the surrounding wards who visit for its very specific benefits, the Community Garden, football pitches, dog friendliness, tennis courts, accessibility, car park and that the whole park is very accessible, being fairly flat and with no steps.

However, we are mindful that there are other very worthy community groups and organisations in Knowle, including the Park Centre and Jubilee Pool, that are also in need of some of this money.

We are therefore withdrawing the following proposals as we know they are either no longer required, funding has already been secured or we are moving them onto the longer term list which will form part of our Park Vision which we will be working on with the help of Susy Feltham and her team at BCC, Redcatch Community Garden, Park Knowle FC, The Redcatch Quarter developers and, of course, the park users themselves via public consultations.

### Proposals being withdrawn

- **Redcatch Pavilion AC523117(£112k)** - Sports Asset Transfer is being discussed in a new light and we understand there is funding available for this from that pot as well as possible match funding from Somerset FA.
- **Tennis Courts Refurb AC523P121 (£90k)** – We are moving to the Parks Tennis Model in 2024 and all reno and maintenance will be taken care of within that.
- **New Public Toilets AC523P120 ( £145k)** – This forms part of long term Park Vision in relation to RQ development
- **Children’s Playground Refurb – AC523P119 (£70k)** Forms part of long term Park Vision in relation to RQ development
- **Redcatch Community Garden AC523P122 (£39k)** – We understand that since submitting this proposal, RCG have successfully secured funding elsewhere for permanent shelters (currently being built) and a sensory garden.

### Remaining Prioritised Proposals for consideration:

- **Boggy Area Resurface & Drainage AC523118 - (£55k proposed but reduced by BCC to £25k)** - The area of grass between the Community Garden and the Pavilion, which stretches to the main park path, retains water and is very boggy / muddy during wet weather / through the winter. There is a lack of drainage where the area of grass meets the main path which results in ponding and therefore a narrowing of the usable area of path in a very busy area. There is one picnic bench within the area which is well used when the area is not muddy as there is good vision to the play area and people buying/ drinking coffee can sit and relax whilst watching their children at play. Resolving the issues here would very much enhance the user experience in this area of the park as well as benefitting the operation of the Community Garden and the park landscaping teams. **We duly note the BCC comment about the possible impact/timing of Pavilion SAT refurb plans in view of a Sports Asset Transfer.**
- **Benches & Picnic Tables ( refurb and new) AC523P116 – (£37k proposed but reduced to £19.7k by parks dept)** This proposal is to refurb existing and provide further new items to align with the continuously increasing numbers of people using the park .

**Total for the revised Redcatch Park Area 5 CIL Proposals 2034/24 (at BCC cost reductions) = £44,700**

We hope this demonstrates that we have considered the parameters of this committee and prioritised our proposals accordingly to allow other groups/organisations in Knowle to also benefit from the money available.

Statement 2 - Jules Laming 17/10/2023  
Statement to Area Committee 5  
2023-24 CIL Grant Application



Our request for funding will be used towards the replacement of Jubilee Pool's flat roofs. Despite the Mayor's continued blocking of funds for Jubilee Pool we are eligible to apply for and entitled to receive support from the CIL fund.

The Friends of Jubilee Pool (Bristol) Ltd has now had ownership of Jubilee Pool for a year. In that time we have achieved so much.

We have seen an increase in usage and pool membership with circa 5500 visits from your constituents to Jubilee on a monthly basis.

We have secured more staff and swimming instructors, paid for staff training, seen an increase in clubs and schools using the pool, we have the only Rookie Lifeguards club in the city, we have women and men only swimming sessions, adult swimming lessons, training paralympians and increased the range of sessions for different groups and clubs. The effort and energy we put into Jubilee Pool is starting to work, it's starting to thrive and there's a real buzz to the place.

But, as you are aware Jubilee Pool has had very little investment for a very long time. This has resulted in significant problems with the building and its kit. Together with the community we have been working really hard to raise funds to replace outdated pool infrastructure to reduce our energy consumption and manage dilapidations.

A fundamental part of this is the replacement of the flat roofs that cover the changing facilities, the gym, the reception area, staff rooms and the electricity sub station that feeds the surrounding area of Knowle and Brislington. These are in such poor condition and are failing.

In a time of a climate emergency and a cost of living crisis the replacement of the flat roofs will enable us to install the AHU and solar thermal pipes and will dramatically improve the building's thermal performance, aid natural ventilation and prevent the further degradation of the building.

We acknowledge that we are asking for a significant sum of money. But that's because these works are not insignificant. Clearly it would be great to benefit from the entire amount that is being asked for, but if a smaller sum is considered appropriate we would gratefully accept that. As something is better than nothing.

Helping us to fund new flats roofs will contribute towards securing the future of a vital community and leisure facility for your current and future residents.

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#### Friends of Jubilee Pool (Bristol) Ltd