

**Statement: PS10.03**

**Cabinet – 5 MARCH 2024**

**Re: Agenda item 10 – A4 Portway Strategic Corridor Outline Business Case (OBC)**

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The Bristol Cycling Campaign is opposed very strongly to the current scheme proceeding.

- The Arcadis report accurately describes the proposals for cycling and walking as “Minor widening to facilitate a shared foot/cycle way”. That lacks ambition and will not facilitate any more than minimal modal shift, not the 50% assumed.
- This is a bus only scheme to all intents and purposes, as is acknowledged in the objectives (“total bus segregation”). That is a missed opportunity; it should include cycling and walking.
- The scheme has evidently not been prepared in conjunction with WECA, DfT or Active Travel England. BANES and South Gloucestershire have worked constructively with WECA to produce excellent cycling and walking schemes. Why can’t Bristolians have the same?
- The scheme does not comply with LTN 1/20 and makes no serious attempt at doing so. It does not comply with the CRSTS criteria, which are not buses only, and are not intended to future proof against traffic growth. If the scheme is built it will endanger WECA, and Bristol’s, future eligibility for Government funding for transport schemes.
- Proceeding to OBC will simply waste public money as the scheme has to be redesigned.