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Bristol City Centre - Citizens' Panel results October 2015



The October 2015 Citizens Panel questionnaire was sent to 2027 Citizens' Panel members. In total 709 people responded, a 35% response.

Executive summary

- Shops were most frequently named as the best thing about the City centre, followed by harbour side, and diversity.
- The worst things about the city centre were all related to cars. Traffic was most frequently named as the worst thing about the City centre, followed by parking, and congestion.
- 17% of panellists visit the city centre most days. Nearly a quarter visit every week during the day. 20% visit every month. 4% never visit the City centre and 3% do so only yearly.
- Fewer panellists visit the City centre at night. 18% never visit at night. 10% go to the city centre at night once a week, and 22% every month.
- The main reasons for visiting the city centre were shopping, Theatre/concert, and cafes/restaurants (48% visited for eating compared to 27% for bars, pubs and nightclubs, but this could reflect the age range of respondents). Only 20% visited for work.
- Traffic, transport and parking were seen as the main priorities to improve the City centre.

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Base	639	100%
	Frequency	Percent
I live in this area	29	5%
Most days	108	17%
Every week	155	24%
Once every 2 weeks	105	16%
Every month	125	20%
Once every six months	76	12%
Yearly	18	3%
Never	23	4%

How often do you visit the 'City Centre' at night?

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Base	641	100%
	Frequency	Percent
I live in this area	26	4%
Most days	9	1%
Every week	66	10%
Once every 2 weeks	60	9%
Every month	141	22%
Once every six months	172	27%
Yearly	49	8%
Never	118	18%

What are your main reasons for visiting the 'City Centre'? (you can tick more than one)

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	Frequency	Percent
Shopping	410	65%
Theatre/concert	331	53%
Cafes or restaurants	303	48%
Attraction e.g. Museum, @Bristol, SS Great Britain, Aquarium	259	41%
Healthcare e.g. hospital, GP, dentist, optician	169	27%
Bars, pubs and nightclubs	168	27%
Parks and open spaces	132	21%
Work	127	20%
Visit public facilities e.g. Library, Citizen service point, Job Centre, Council offices	116	18%
Other (please state)	62	10%
Meet friends or family in their home	56	9%
I live in this area	37	6%
Education or training	34	5%
Visit a place of worship	28	4%
Gymn /Sport facilities	16	3%

If 'Other' please specify

The main 'other' reason for visiting the city centre was to walk/cycle or run around the docks.

Walk /cycle /run around the docks	X 11
Passing through	X 10
Cinema	X 8
Walking	X 7
Voluntary activities	X 5
Catch Bus /coach	X 3
Meetings	X 2
Banks / Financial business	X 2
Events	X 3
Festivals	X 2
Meetings	X 2
Museums	X 2
Socialise	X 2
Bristol city	
City Hall, hold council to scrutiny	
classics at queens sq, once a month	
Exhibitions, lectures	
Freemason Hall	
Hospitals	
I only go there by default	
my daughter is rows at City of Bristol Rowing Club	
Pick up kids and drop off for school	
Shaun in the city	
Studying at the university	
The harbour	
wecil for disabled	

What should we do to most improve the 'City Centre'?

Traffic, transport and parking were seen as the main priorities to improve the City centre.



What should we do to most improve the 'City Centre'?

Deal with the congestion - make it easier for traffic to get around without being stuck
 Congestion is too much, re-route some of the buses, cars etc
 More support for independent business eg. retailers, cafes, pub. Better cycle paths
 Get rid of the fountains, more greenery and garden area to sit and relax
 Restore to how it was in 19060-1980
 Perhaps bring back the flower beds
 Improve traffic flow and reduce roadworks
 Stop cars going through
 Make it more public friendly
 Car parking facilities
 Bring back the fly over- take the traffic away
 Much better bus services
 Get rid of the one way which in turn will make traffic run free
 Improve the flow of traffic, get rid of terrible concrete area opposite Hippodrome
 Get rid of Broadmead
 Consider reverting to former style natural 'green' spaces rather than copying apparently 'trendy' spaces elsewhere
 Keep traffic moving
 Less traffic
 Parking
 Clearer
 Get rid of the drunks
 Make more of it traffic free
 Control cyclists as well as traffic
 Reduce amount of traffic using it
 More car parking space
 Frequency of late night buses on all routes
 Get cyclists off the pavements
 Make a one massive roundabout so you can come onto it and leave it
 Important to make it more friendly to all with lots of seating and flower beds
 Stop traffic, build a Metro system
 Improve the St Augustines Parade area - green spaces/ more pedestrian/shared surface areas/ reopen the river
 Less taxis
 Prevent traffic 'snarl ups' ensure traffic is always moving
 Tidy looking. Cafe and food and drinks huts
 Reinststate the centre as it was, open it up to the water, one large bridge to Baldwin St
 Reduce traffic
 Reduce the volume of traffic
 Re- think St Augustines Parade / Broad Quay layout
 More place like restaurants and leisure
 Provide free parking
 Get rid of the fountains and dangerous footways - stop putting another road through middle, make a proper
 rotating traffic system again and around the outside of colourful/ tasteful gardens
 More pedestrian precincts
 Traffic flow - appearance
 Traffic
 Much more effective street cleaning
 Get it sorted for once only!!!
 New attractions

More Broadmead more colourful and interesting not just at Christmas

Lesson traffic

Reduce drugs and street drinkers in the Bear Pit and centre

Start again

Investigate a simpler form of traffic flow

Improve transport links

No traffic in the shopping quarter

Friendly features

Stop putting large multi storey buildings to replace the ones being demolished - make the space as an open space

Stop doing improvements for Metro Bus

Get more police there

Be more aware of it's true history

Easy accessible by road

Add grrrrnery with flowers and seats for people to enjoy the centre

Better transport links, less cars

More public transport

Sort out the parking

Sort the traffic

More pedestrianised roads

Make it more pedestrianised and cycle friendly

Get rid of traffic

We have what may be the most dramatic approach by river to the centre (ie Stramway centre) of any city in the country, but when you arrive there what an anticlimax! Is it too late and too expensive to open up the River Frome and the Avon Gorge

Make it more pedestrian friendly. Millenium Square would benefit from more cafes and other retail experiences

Sort out public/private transport (too many private cars in city centre)

Improve tidiness

Square riggers @ St Mary on the Quay

Where have the swans gone?

Make the traffic flow freely like it did when it was a big roundabout

Traffic free zone

Re-synchronisation of traffic lights could help traffic flow

To improve transport access

Traffic problems

Ease the traffic

Make it easy go through

Make sure there is a far easier traffic flow. Restore more flowers, greenery and decent seating

Better plans for traffic flow and sites of bus stops

organise bus stops for sensible bus service. Clean mess, good lighting, clear sign posting for tourists. Look at other cities - narrow the bit between Neptune and Cenotaph to enable buses/taxis to pull in thereby not stopping flow of ordinary traffic- less fumes. I love trees but you have to be practical - am on about bus service, because it is lifeblood of our city. I stand with young working mothers who have to pick up children from nursery, I so admire them - make centre a convergence for buses, think of the workers!

Ban cysclists from pavements

Regenerate the northern area

Put the traffic system as it was in the 1960's 1970's ie. reverse the current system

Reduce traffic - keep clean, add greenery

Try to make a rail network round it to relieve the messy road system

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Clean streets and made a safe place to visit

Address anti-social behaviour

Take away one water feature, more flowers, needs to be an oasis if traffic going around it

Have a much improved transport system (buses and trains) and tackle rubbish strewn everywhere

Improve on public transport

Traffic congestion

Stop playing with it, take a look back to what it was

Improve parking

I would like it to be as it was

Redesign it

Free parking

Stop traffic congestion with better traffic systems. Keep LGV vehicles out of the area. More public toilets

Ban 'Happy Hour' drinking in the area

Entry into city

Build a park & Ride near the junction of m32 and m4

Stop building student acc

Make it safer. Go back to the old way, much easier to drive around. Old people need cars, bikes are for the young

Stop the building

Address binge drinking culture

No cycle riding amongst shops

Control traffic 'congestion'

Parking for BRI is very difficult especially for the relatives to visit their dear ones. Bus is good, stop at Bond st, but to return one has to walk to Cabot Circus area especially at night not safe to walk alone. Bus stop needs to be re-located near by- easy for coach station and BRI

Ban cyclist from riding on any pavement including the pedestrian areas on centre and Brodmead

Sort out traffic flow

Remove most traffic

Clean it up

Re-design the 'water feature' opposite the Hippodrome

At the moment it is a collection of small separate areas ie. Broadmead-centre-Park St. They need to be better co-ordinated

Improve parking. It is sparse and/ or expensive. Public transport will never take the place of personal travel

Traffic flow and affordable parking. Millenium Square - parking unreasonable cost!

Traffic organisation

Restrict cyclists to cycle lanes and roads thus making the centre much safer. This is a major problem and the law needs enforcing as it is in other cities

Minimalise the number of cars

Improve the traffic flow

I have no idea, you change it too often

Stop the drunken behaviour at night

Make it more of a pleasant walkway, instead of being a commuters race track

Rethink of areas like Redfield, St Pauls, Stoke Croft and Stapleton Rd, by developing can bring more business, housing jobs and more revenue to Bristol City Council

Keep it clean, more flowers, make sure the water spouts are working.

increase opportunities for independent traders and smaller events

Create better parking, less restrictions, better public transport and accessibility

Prioritise pedestrians. Help house the increasing numbers of homeless people.

Clear out drunks

Get rid of George Ferguson.

Build a new concert arena next to Temple meads, pull down Broadmead and so seriously improve public transport

Sort out traffic

Lower the cost of public transport to/from the centre thus reducing traffic congestion.

Reduce traffic

Traffic

Go back to when it was an island and easy to get around

Provide easy, regular, cheap and accessible transport to and from it to different areas of the city.

I have no idea!

A digital map of the Centre giving bus stops and directions to places of interest. Free wifi zone in a booth on the centre.

Parking - better transport links - NOT cycling - I am disabled and unable to cycle

Finish the roadworks. Recognise it is a big roundabout that is a major artery through Bristol. Stop making it difficult for cars to get through

Creating more parking space

Get rid of charity muggers

Improve cleanliness and general level of smartness.

The parking

Emphasise the great historical sites Bristol has to offer

Sort out broadmead, get rid of the tacky xmas markets, 'craft' markets and get some of the many empty shop units filled.

Make it easier for disabled people

Solve congestion

Less motor cars

Get rid of charity collection they are on every Street corner, it's just too much

Open up the river

Clean it up

Cheaper parking or more direct bus routes from sub urbs takes me 10 m8n drive 40 mins by bus regenerate areas such as Stokes Croft and St Pauls.

Make it more friendly to non- car owners - public transport, walking routes, cycle routes

Have public toilets available. Not everyone is going in a bar. Some people just walk. Keep it tidy.

better transport system

Improve traffic flow

Make drinking houses close earlier 2am.not as they are now and night clubs. Bus lanes permanent.

Make the road surfaces smoother - it's SO bumpy traveling in a taxi.

Open up the old harbour

Make it more free to walk around

More cultural venues having later opening. Have a proper general market, as other UK towns & Europe. Make sure street cleaning carried out before start of day, as in London.

Open the river back up.

more cycle lanes, less cars.

Reduce traffic and air pollution which affects my breathing because I suffer from Asthma

Improve conditions for pedestrians. Get traffic noise down, - calm traffic

Make it more bike friendly

get rid of the buses, and that awful water feature in the centre and those cobbled roads waste of time and money

Improve public transport (tramway/under-overground) Lille in norther France has an excellent example

Encourage or enable cars to go around rather than through - the 'rat run' that goes from St James Barton, through the centre and into Baldwin St and beyond should be addressed.

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Traffic flow and parking. It's a nightmare to get into town by car, and parking is a mission to find somewhere.

Traffic calming, more priority to local transport.

Green green green and the destruction of broadmead. The city centre is lacking culture

restrict/remove through traffic - congestion charge

open it back up to ships

Knock down some of the older parts of broadmead, the inner ring of shops from opposite debenhams to cabot circus and create greenspace. Get rid of some of the cheap shops in old run down units.

Clean streets, reduce traffic, improve pedestrian areas, more greenery, more people friendly, utilise or demolish empty/rundown buildings

demolish NCP carparks and substitute decent replacement buildings. The attractive redbrick wall of the Galleries carpark puts the concret junk to shame.

Increased police presence at night

Sort out the traffic

Plant trees where possible; install signage calling attention to interesting parts of the city visitors (and residents) may miss; dragoon, embarrass, businesses to improve their appearance.

Clean the pavements. Ban smoking outside buildings. Stop cyclist riding on pavements.

Create a sensible plan for it's layout, build it and stick to it for more than 15 years. And then, find a way to re-invest in the area so that it remains looking lovely and doesn't go to ruin within 6 months.

It's already being re-done so it seems a bit after the gate closed to ask us this now.

Look at increasing pedestrianised areas & creating more outdoor seating/benches

Less concrete, more greenery.

Quick wins: BAN GRAFFITI ! Long term scenario - review your planning policies to stop treating the centre like a drinking den and supermarket site - bring more arts and culture instead of alcohol venues; and sort out the appalling traffic situation by increasing buses and bus routes.

Stop forever fiddling with it.

Make it greener.

Make it safer for people at night time.

Get some life into more areas of the harbourside.

Shabbiness.

Get rid of the aforementioned fountains and replace with trees or flowerbeds or anything less stupid.

Recognise that the motor vehicle must have absolute priority over all other transport and other forms of transport or activities.

put it back to trees and grass

More pedestrianisation. Support independent businesses. These two are linked

Improve the road system and make it easier for the partially sighted to tell where the pedestrian area ends and the road begins. (I have a partially sighted friend who can't tell where the curb is).

Stop treating car drivers like criminals.

Make negotiating the centre by car much easier by sequencing traffic lights so that they minimise traffic hold-ups.

improve the centre itself, which used to look much better before the fountains were installed there

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Encourage and enforce the reduction in car and non essential traffic

Improve traffic flow and affordable parking

Improve getting around for less mobile people, for example a free shuttle bus service with plenty of stops. Sort out the traffic flows.

Open it up to show the water infrastructure underneath

make it pedestrian friendly. remove SEVs

Pedestrian precinct

Stop making traffic flow worse; encourage bus companies to have clean pleasant buses with seats big enough for normal people

Revert to what we had before. It is a vast expanse of concrete with little to recommend it. Queen Square and College Green are much more attractive.

More parking....not difficult to realise this. Looks at Cribbs Causeway/The Mall. 7,000 free parking spaces!!!! No one wants to struggling into Bristol with its traffic (getting worse thanks to the ludicrous new cycle lanes, etc.) and then fight for a too small parking space; Cribbs wins every day and shall continue to until parking is addressed. get rid of the monster sea gulls - they are taking over Bristol. The noise, the mess everything about them is annoying. Removing all litter and food waste would help but that is unlikely to ever happen so a controlled way is needed. I would also like to say to most improve the city - build a monorail as a alternative to bus or car - easily built and you get to keep the roads as well - everything above ground. It's time Bristol to build a REAL alternative to the old problem and to make an extremely useful attraction in Bristol that would draw in crowds too!

reduce traffic

Supply new big, bright, modern toilet facilities. The current facilities are an embarrassment for visitors.

improve cycle ways ..its dangerous for adults and children as still no proper cohesive cycle ways into and around the whole city centre.

Change the road layout so the through traffic doesn't go through it

direct traffic out of the centre

Remove traffic

Reduce the traffic congestion, better transport system and affordable public transport.

As a pensioner I don't think I can give much help here. Maybe instead of the water feature opposite Hippodrome you could have some sort of seating area - but this may not be practical with whatever building work is going on at the moment.

Demolish the Robinson building and either use the area as a public park or build a building that is testimony to the architecture of the rest of the city

Less traffic.

Make it more appealing for visitors to the city

Connect in a pleasant way for pedestrians the areas of Stations (Bus&Rail),Retail, History and Harbourside. For example tree lined pavements, a Land Train, better sign posting

transport into it, plus better links from rail station, a park and ride at the end of the M32

more greenery

Not sure.

Revoke licences for all night drinking

See my answer to Q.10

Allow traffic to move more easily

Better transport links, especially public transport

Cut down on traffic

More cheaper car parks

Reinstate gardens, have clearly defined and separate cycle lanes and have a blitz on litter.

Get rid of cars

Separate motorised traffic, cycling and pedestrians. Don't squeeze them all together. Not nice for any of them - I pass through as all three and it is not pleasant, in fact can be quite scary.

Provide better recycling facilities (on street collections don't work here) and stop allowing planning permission for crappy flats that look like plastic.

Keep pedestrians and cyclists apart. FINE Chewing gun droppers or give them community type work and make them scrub the streets clean.

trams

Create priority housing for local people born and bred here (not accrue more immigrants and related costs) using up empty old buildings not currently in use - and not for only those who can afford a mortgage. More social housing essential

Pedestrianise the old city at the very least

support local traders

How long have you got? The whole area above, Corn st etc needs huge revamping and new uses & restoration of some buildings which are being ruined by their current uses. Much more pedestrian space, piazzas ect which might engender decent continental style cafes and bars but not the dreadful mix at present which is Ok for the young and hip (maybe) but doesn't go any further!

sort the congestion problems by provided tram or similar type transport & stop cars needing to drive through the centre

Tackle homelessness.

Ban cyclists from cycling on pavement, ban skateboarding, move homeless people and beggars away, and give out on the spot fines for antisocial behaviour

don't really know ????

Connecting it for car use

Aim to have all the empty shops occupied.

The Mall is easy and accessible for me, and will always be my first choice to visit. From where I live I'm not sure what could be done to compete with this loyalty!

Improve access by cutting congestion

Reduce the amount of traffic around the centre and shopping areas

Abolish RPZ

Sort out the traffic congestion!

Attractive fountains

Remove traffic-top of park street to bristol bridge should be bikes and pedestrians only

Knocking it down and starting again. My parents live in Chester and I have regularly gone to Manchester and Liverpool. Both cities have changed a lot in recent years especially Liverpool which was similar to Bristol but now really nice to visit.

Improve the approaches into the City

improve traffic flow and restrict traffic

Bring back lawns and flower beds

Reduce traffic levels, improve public transport, you have got to make it cheaper and provide alternatives.

Reduce traffic calming measures and open the city back up by allowing motorists to drive into the city rather than discouraging them to do so. You are killing of local business and shops and before long the city centre will be "dead".

redevelop the whole templemeads area

Continue to secure high quality developments on remaining vacant or under-used sites

Parking - there is hardly any!

Separate cyclists and pedestrians from traffic - remove traffic lights which just stop traffic often unnecessarily - people drive more carefully if they have to give way in turn - have some strategic car-parks that are cheap and encourage people to walk the last mile

the road layout so traffic can flow freely reducing the congestion. on my way home from work i often get stuck in traffic backing up to the centre from the roundabout by st mary redcliff church which is backed up to from the m32 direction. i'm trying to head in the direction of bedminster which as soon as you get past the roundabout the traffic is fine.

Some greenery would be nice.

Continue to encourage diverse investment that sets Bristol apart. The regeneration of Stokes Croft is a great example and recalls central Bristol when I first arrived in the 90s, but the 'high end' shopping at Cabot secures the city's long term prospects.

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Reduce the traffic.

more public transport - the road infrastructure does not support the amount of traffic using it and is unsafe

Better roads and ways to get around. Better signposting to car parks and to areas of interest.

Cosmetics - tidy parts of it up Portland Sq & Brunswick Sq are comparable to parts of London but are completely run down Why can't there be investments to convert some of these beautiful buildings into housing?

Try and link up the various cycle paths so that it feels more of a cycle system rather than one moment being on a path the next on the 'open' road.

Reduce the traffic congestion

Eliminate traffic and noise and drunks!

I would like to see more flowerbeds and more toilet facilities

Improve vehicular access.

No opinion

Transport! Particularly late night return transport to the suburbs.

Get rid of cars. Public space is for public, not private property.

Replace the vile water/light installation with simple gardens.

Get rid of the fountains and bring back dome planting and colour

Replace fountains statue/large fountain

Sort out Stoke Croft - it looks very messy and dirty. Not giving the best reputation to the town.

Not have make sunday special days and stop traffic, get rid of cyclists

more cycling , better public transport so less traffic

Traffic and access

make the venues more expensive to enter.

See my previous suggestion, in a previous box, to create a public shower, for cyclists, using green technologies, being prince street, to remove a barrier for cyclists wanting to leave their car behind and come to the city by bike, but have somewhere to shower and change.

Improve disabled parking for the BRI

Improving cycling facilities (in particular more cycle parking facilities)

Less traffic coming through.

Provide attractive pedestrian environments

Drastically improve public transport so people can get there without needing to use a car - BEFORE reshaping any of the road systems

make it a safer place to be- curb late night drinking areas

Good planning so that it looks cleaner, brighter and more up together.

Ban smoking in public areas maybe- I was told on bcc training some time ago this was going to be brought in.. I quite like it as it is. Maybe restruct the blocking of harbour walkway near watershed. It gets so crowded & there are many stalls & bars with outside seating. .

- Sort out the traffic flow; - Reduce number of fast food outlets in The Centre; - Litter: charge fast food/drinking places for clearing litter around their unit, or make them responsible for pavement/street cleaning. - Ensure central areas are safe from drunks ini the evening

reduce oil based traffic

not sure

Better bus facilities such as better shelters, better maps of where buses go plus keep cyclists under control (that is with separate cycle paths clearly marked rather than the current chaos), cars and lorries given good access to easy routes with good parking for businesses trade although some other routes might become cycle or pedestrian only. make the walking and bus journey from temple meads to town centre pleasant so it doesn't put people off the city when they arrive.

Make pedestrian crossings change faster preventing people having to wait or pressing the button and crossing as they take ages to stop the traffic

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Never allow an event to ruin Queen Square like arcadia did. Reduce traffic. Make the Centre by the fountains a nicer environment.

Introduce electric buses, taxis and electric 'tuktuk' style cabs. Provide a free bus around the centre from temple leads. Put in a new park and ride off the M32

Create a space that is friendly and safe for all at all times

I don't visit often enough to have a strong opinion

Open up the old river frome.

I think the City Centre is very good as it is. Very vibrant and Cosmopolitan

More could be done to make it pedestrian friendly. It's too hard to cross the main roads in and around the city centre.

more green space

Create better and pavements/footways for pedestrians without cyclists crashing into you all the time. Cyclists should be kept to the road away from vulnerable pedestrians. I've lost count of the amount of times I see cyclists crashing or having near misses with pedestrians and weaving in and out of pedestrians. If they hit someone or cause a shock to someone they never apologise they just shout that the pedestrian was in the wrong for not seeing them! I think a lot of conflict incidents probably don't get reported because A) There is no one/nowhere to report minor conflict to and B) Bristol City Council seems to encourage cyclist to cycle where they want without considering the effect on pedestrians, especially the elderly, disabled and parents without young children. Cyclists have no form of training in how to use their vehicle safely and considerately and it seems that a large majority of cyclists have no idea of safety or consideration towards others.

Renovate derelict buildings

Improve provision for cyclists and public transport

More and better public transport, with a great deal more promotion of bus services.

more local cafes and bars, not so many chains.

Clean the streets

Widen Baldwin Street again. I am a firefighter and trying to drive a fire engine down there is ridiculous. Get rid of zebra crossing on redcliff street.

Sort out the traffic flow and reasonably priced parking

remove the traffic

Reduce bus fares & car parking fees

See question no 11. Make it safe for pedestrians as against reckless cyclists.

Clean up the traffic

Tram

make it cyclist free area

Rebuild the center take out the awful fountains and fly killer lights find quality art and lighting to make a thing of beauty for a public space

Get rid of horrific traffic! Not the best welcome to Bristol after leaving Temple Meads go back to flower beds.

Improve traffic flow and clearly sign pedestrian areas. Please don't keep changing layout.

road network

Clean it of anything or anyone that is anti-social

Turn it back to how it was twenty years ago.

Improve traffic flow.

remove bus lanes, narrow cycle lanes eg. Baldwin street, be stricter on rough sleepers and noise, both bars and people shouting late at night. Force boats/barges owners to maintain their properties in a decent state eg. boat wreck left abandoned for years on Welsh back just in front of the Health club.

Redevelop (again) the area in front of Hippodrome. Make it into a more family friendly area.

More 'joined up' as it is very spread out

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have more greenery and bigger fountains

Easier ways to park or get to. Removing wood walkways as slippery when wet. Diverting drunk people away from the centre as when leaving theatre recently after a show my family whitens send drunk rowdy behaviour with swearing etc. Some people where sat on benches nursing a girl throwing up on the floor.

Ease of access/movement - better pedestrian/cycle access

Keep it clean, tidy and graffiti tag free

Accessibility for cars.

Get rid of drunken yobs

Better connectivity and transport flow, including dissuade cars from taking over everyone's lives.

Provide better vehicular access. Cycle ways are a good idea, but really taking 25% of the road for at most 5 % of the population as you've done on Baldwin St (and probably in other places). I suppose George is happy.....

More green spaces to relax.

Open up the rivet

Improve section between st augustins parade cabot circus and make more of castle park

Foster small independent businesses, whether through affordable shop fronts, or even with affordable office space.

improve rush hour traffic

Night club for the over 25 age group

More consistently reliable and frequent public transport!! Better value too

Keep it clean and tidy also update it

Keep it clean, and remove the graffiti.

Provide a place for beggars

Police it properly with more foot patrols.

Transport links

Litter

Find a way to lower traffic congetion

Lower the bus fares to move around the center.

Keep plenty of trees and flower beds, keep litter free

relocate Neptune; enhance the waterway, history and traditions of Bristol as a port

Stop building things over 4 floors high, make traffic flow easier as at present the actual centre is confusing

Encourage local enterprise by reducing business rates in areas such as east central

I still hate the traffic system around there and don't think it's safe

redesign the area renovate old and empty buildings

Improve public transport with chaotic bus stops

Close more areas to get rid of motor vehicles and promote walking and cycling

Reduced traffic. Better Xmas lights

Re introduce grassed/ flower bed areas with seating/tables and cafes, NOT BARS

Better rotation of traffic and parking options for commuters, to keep the centre less congested and more pedestrian friendly.

remove the bus lanes better car parks and better ease for disabled for disabled to park and get to

efficient and affordable transport links that enable people to ditch their cars, instead of RPZ zones that adversely affect independent businesses, prohibit movement around the city as current public transport is unreliable.

Please put more rubbish bins

continue to improve public transport and introduce pedestrian areas - eg around the University precinct and old city

Improve traffic flow

more independent retailers less chains

pedestrianize more of it

Don't know

Ask the real Bristol people how they would like it.

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Improve traffic movement

I think that thriving businesses encourage people to go to the city centre.

Hold companies and organisations who work/paid by the council to scrutiny and account. Happy City CIC and it's Directors have conflicts with Green Capital and also the Council. Happy City CIC are being investigated for Fraud by HMRC. How to improve the city centre isn't by using control of citizens.

ban cyclists from using pedestrian ways AND enforce it

sort layout of roads in that area. try making it more attractive for locals and visitors.

Why are you asking? It's being dug up at the moment. Why is it being dug up so soon after the last set of alterations?

Make it more people friendly especially the traffic.

Pedestrianise more areas

tidy it up, something is being done at the moment - I don't know what but its very untidy

Reduce through traffic. Pedestrianise Corn Street

Open up the river again in Colton Avenue.

more little affordable cafes

Get rid of the nasty cheap food chains like Subway

uncover the Frome

set up a tram system or railway convert office space into low cost housing with tight rent control

Make sure there is adequate open space, more parks, only buses and 2 wheelers to be allowed in to this area.

Reduce traffic. Turn into a pedestrian yone

Reduce the traffic and improve public transports

Ensure that city centre housing projects are not all 'exclusive'. Affordable housing needed. Do not exclude less well-off Bristolians from our city centre.

get rid of the mayor

Resolve the issue of homelessness

deal with the congestion

Pedestrianise it.

Reduce/remove traffic; more green, less paving

Open the river back up. Transforming it back to when boats could come into the centre again . Fabulous for tourism and a correction to a major mistake in our past.

Improve the appalling pavements

Traffic

Pedestrianise

revert to previous design and stop throwing money at it whilst closing day centres. Also travel approx two miles in either direction away from the centre to gain a true picture of the city.

Make it greener. Cut the traffic.

Keep traffic in surrounding streets down.

Ban sexual entertainment venues (lap-dancing etc.) as inconsistent with the Council's zero tolerance campaign.

Ensure Bristol is a safe and welcoming space for all at night, as it is in the day time.

Better policing of the Bear Pit, less Chugging

Speed up new construction projects

start a tram service

Less traffic and congestion, more open, friendly space, renovate old buildings more rather than get too many high rising new ones, ..

Get rid of the ugly old buildings and put more greenery/seating in

Cleaner pavements

revert the road layout to how it used to be.

Regenerate derelict area, empty shops, etc, or, where this is not possible, make the façades of those areas more pleasant.

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sort the poor road / traffic infrastructure out.

Less traffic - more green, pleasant spaces

Sorting out the traffic on the centre

Keep disruptions of building works to a minimum

Create a more cohesive connection between all the areas- especially linking Old Market to the New Cabot area somehow

Make easier to navigate in a car

drive down extortionate rates posed by landlords to encourage local and independent business i.e. park st

More flowers, reduce traffic, street theatre

Restore the roundabouts to their previous condition i.e. grass area flower beds etc

Chuggers are a constant pain

Make the public transport work. Integrated transport linking the airport, trains and busses

Calm the night scene down

Better public transport

Connect the parts together better by valuing (and giving proportionate space and design thinking) to pedestrians, cyclists and local public transport above the cursed car

be considerate of normal residents when organising random mayoral events.

Reduce the amount of traffic

better transport would help and also a better means of finding out which bus to catch - First website is hopeless and some bus stops don't have numbers on them. It would be great to make better use of the river as this would connect the two halves of the city. I think bus stops could be used to advertise events in the city — in London you always know what's going on because of the advertising hoardings and posters on the tube. Bristol bus stops have horrible ads but nothing about what is happening in the city. Maybe introduce information posts as they have in some European cities.

Better areas for pedestrians and cyclists, better publication of events taking place

Better public transport

More trees, leisure areas for people to sit - get rid of those weird fountains ... Buses - traffic inhibit the sense of enjoyment ... The buses just make it feel like a car park : whole area not user friendly. Why do all buses have to come to centre. Why do I need to travel to centre when I want to travel around the centre. All the buses coming to centre is madness - why? The buses could go round centre as a spider's web is shaped. Who thought this was a good idea?

Cut all the fads and bring back more green space eg instead of fountains
traffic

Improve public transport to reduce congestion

Improve green space (castle park), demolish/improve galleries

Certainly better transport, more easy traffic system especially buses and taxis. More through buses e.g. from Stokes Croft to Old Market or from Stokes Croft / Old Market to Clifton / Park Street.

Make it more joined up and safer for pedestrians

more cycle lanes and bike racks

Stop restricting car access, improve parking

Improve parking

More & affordable parking spaces

Improve public transport

Better green spaces, ban cars from the centre and improve public transport links, improved shared or segregated cycling/pedestrian areas.

That's too big a question for me.

More park and ride schemes to reduce need to take a car into the city centre.

Cut down on diesel emissions

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open up the old river from Electricity House to the Neptune statue to
 Encourage cycling and less use of cars
 Try to clean a bit more over the week ends, develop program to have people drink responsibly.

Demographics of respondents.

Ethnicity

Base	683	100%
	Frequency	Percent
White British	599	88%
White Irish	2	0%
White Polish	6	1%
White Gypsy/Traveller	1	0%
Any other white background	32	5%
BME	43	6%

Long term illness or disability

Base	709	100%
	Frequency	Percent
No reply	576	81%
Yes	133	19%
No	-	-

Gender

	708	100%
	Frequency	Percent
Male	342	48%
Female	366	52%

Age group

Base	704	100%
	Frequency	Percent
20-24	9	1%
25-34	83	12%
35-44	118	17%
45-54	126	18%
55-64	152	22%
65-74	137	19%
75+	79	11%

Ward

Base	683	100%
	Frequency	Percent
Ashley	28	4%
Avonmouth	20	3%
Bedminster	24	4%
Bishopston	17	2%
Bishopsworth	23	3%
Brislington East	15	2%
Brislington West	17	2%
Cabot	17	2%

Clifton	14	2%
Clifton East	19	3%
Cotham	15	2%
Easton	20	3%
Eastville	20	3%
Filwood	10	1%
Frome Vale	28	4%
Hartcliffe	19	3%
Henbury	15	2%
Hengrove	19	3%
Henleaze	25	4%
Hillfields	26	4%
Horfield	15	2%
Kingsweston	20	3%
Knowle	22	3%
Lawrence Hill	19	3%
Lockleaze	16	2%
Redland	20	3%
St George East	20	3%
St George West	23	3%
Southmead	13	2%
Southville	17	2%
Stockwood	19	3%
Stoke Bishop	26	4%
Westbury on Trym	27	4%
Whitchurch Park	17	2%
Windmill Hill	18	3%