

## City Centre Framework - Summary

Bristol City Council has produced a draft **City Centre Framework** document.

The Framework is a planning and transport document that outlines what the city centre could be like in the future.

We realise that the document is complex. This short summary provides information on the objectives and aims in the document.

We recommend reading the Framework document, see [City Centre Framework](#). This sets out ideas to make the city centre a better place to live, work, learn and enjoy for everyone.

Bristol is a place where people want to live, it has lots to offer; work opportunities, education, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities, parks and open spaces.

We want to improve how people get to and move around the city centre. We want to make it easy for people to walk, cycle or travel by bus or train.

We want to see new homes, shops and leisure venues, places to work and improved public spaces (streets, open spaces).

The Framework looks at an area which includes Bristol Shopping Quarter, Old City, Castle Park, North Redcliffe and the gateway into the city from the M32. Maps can be found in the full Framework document.

The Framework sets out five objectives for improving the city centre. The objectives are:

- 1. Creating a liveable, vibrant, safe and inclusive city centre for the benefit of people of all ages to live, work, learn and enjoy.**

Making the city centre an exciting and safe place where people can live, work, study or come and enjoy for lots of different reasons. We want the city centre to be open to everyone, for example families, older people, the disabled, people from different backgrounds.

## **2. Tackling traffic congestion; making the city centre better connected, accessible and healthier.**

Continue to improve travel options in the city centre, to maximise the number of people that can reliably and efficiently travel to and from the city centre. By improving alternatives to the car, even more people can choose to walk, cycle, use buses or trains. The motor traffic that remains will be managed in a more efficient way. People will be healthier, benefiting from better air quality and exercise.

## **3. Supporting the city centre as the core retail and cultural heart of the West of England, by enabling large scale redevelopment and improvement of the retail/leisure offer.**

The city centre is an important place for shopping and leisure, providing access to goods, services, arts and entertainment venues. There are opportunities to redevelop and update parts of Broadmead, to provide new shops and leisure venues.

## **4. Influencing the sustainable development of up to 2,000 new homes (within the City Centre North East area), employment space, enhancement of heritage assets, public realm and green space.**

A lot of new homes have been provided in the city centre over the last 10 years. There is an opportunity to develop the area in a way that benefits the environment, provides further homes, new places to work, improves historic buildings and public spaces (streets, open and green spaces).

## **5. Informing inward investment, planning, property asset management and funding decisions.**

We want to attract money from businesses and organisations to help improve the city centre. The Framework will be used to inform planning applications and decisions made by property owners.

To help us reach these objectives, the Framework includes aims:

**Aim 1 New and expanded pedestrian priority areas**

Create more of a focus on walking in areas such as the Old City (where St Nicholas Market is located) and Bristol Shopping Quarter.

**Aim 2 Complete a network of high quality public realm corridors**

Continue to create high quality streets and open spaces for people to enjoy, spend time in, and walk through.

**Aim 3 Complete the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycle network in the city centre**

Make it easier to cycle to and around the city centre by providing safer and more attractive cycle routes.

**Aim 4 Complete the city centre bus lane network**

Encourage more people to travel by bus. This includes completing bus lanes and other ways of making sure buses can move more freely and be more reliable (run on time).

**Aim 5 Enable the transformation of Broadmead by relocating bus routes**

This includes changing bus routes serving the Broadmead area, making better streets and spaces for people.

**Aim 6 New and expanded Park & Ride services**

Reduce the amount of motor traffic in the city centre by providing more Park & Ride services.

**Aim 7 Improvements to taxi ranks, ferry services, coach parking, and interchange**

Make it easier for people to use a range of travel options. Continue to improve information and links between travel options.

**Aim 8 Smarter motor traffic management**

Improve how traffic moves by using information collected from technology (computers, traffic cameras).

**Aim 9 Develop a new Parking strategy**

Improve the way car parking in the city centre is managed.

**Aim 10 Simplify the highway network**

Continue to make changes to roads to simplify junctions and help motor traffic move better.

**Aim 11 Establish appropriate development layout**

Ensure that future buildings are built in a way which fits with the area and improves the city centre.

**Aim 12 Public fronts/private backs**

Buildings should have entrances, doors and windows which open or overlook streets and public spaces.

**Aim 13 Building retention and reuse**

Keep and promote the use of historic and important buildings.

**Aim 14 Promoting appropriate building height**

Buildings to be at the most suitable height for the area and promote where taller buildings may be possible.

**Aim 15 Creating new focal buildings**

Build new buildings which stand out and improve the surrounding area.

**Aim 16 Protecting important views and vistas**

Ensure that new buildings do not have a negative impact on important and good views.

**Aim 17 Creating a balance of and mix of uses**

Ensure that the area includes a range of building types and uses. This includes homes (including affordable), shops, leisure venues and places to work.

**Aim 18 Increasing vitality and active frontages**

Ensure that the front of buildings at ground floor level contain shops, leisure venues, restaurants, bars or community facilities. This makes places more interesting and exciting.

**Aim 19 Promoting uses that support communities**

Promote community facilities needed, for example nurseries, health centres.

**Aim 20 Ensuring sustainable developments**

Ensure that buildings and places are built to good environmental (green) standards.

**Aim 21 Promoting sustainable energy and heat networks**

Promote clean, affordable energy and heat. This will improve air quality and reduce the cost of energy. Heat networks are the pipes and equipment to move heat to buildings.

**Aim 22 Delivering ultrafast broadband**

Help people to be able to access better, faster and more reliable internet connections.

## How can you be involved?

We want people to tell us what they think. We will use your comments to help us understand what is important and what changes are needed to the draft City Centre Framework.

You can tell us what you think by completing the survey which is available at [City Centre Framework survey](#)

You can pick up a survey and view a copy of the Framework document in all Bristol libraries or at the Citizen Service Point at 100 Temple Street. You can send us your survey in the freepost envelope provided.

You have until 11pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to fill out the survey.

We can provide materials in other formats, such as paper, large print, braille, sign language, and other languages. Telephone the council on 0117 922 2848 or email: [consultation@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@bristol.gov.uk) if you need an alternative format.

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