

## Filton and Brentry Transport Improvements Package FAQs

### What are you consulting on?

South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council have launched a consultation on proposals to improve walking and cycling routes in Filton and Brentry.

### Why are these improvements needed?

The proposed improvements to walking and cycling routes in Filton and Brentry will support sustainable travel in these areas. They will also support proposed developments in north Bristol, including Brabazon Arena and Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN), including the former Filton airfield site.

### Where will the improvements be made?

Improvements to walking and cycling routes are proposed for the following areas:

- Charlton Road, between Pen Park Road and Charlton Mead Drive
- The A38, between the new CPNN access and the Filton roundabout
- Filton Avenue, between the A38 and the A4174 Avon Ring Road
- A4174 Avon Ring Road, between Filton Avenue and Concorde Way

### Why have these areas been chosen?

With new development coming forward on the former airfield, including the Brabazon Arena, we have investigated the routes to the south that people are likely to use to travel to and from this area.

### What are the proposed improvements?

The improvements include a mixture of new off-carriageway cycling facilities, segregated walking and cycling routes, raised footway/cycleways at side road junctions to give priority to pedestrians and cyclists, and new crossings.

There are also proposals to relocate two existing bus stops along the A38 to improve traffic flows at the Filton roundabout. These are the southbound stop at Springfields and the southbound stop at Filton Church.

Additionally, we are also proposing a new traffic management system for the area, which will use smart technology to improve traffic flows on roads especially during busy times.

More detailed plans for the proposals are available to view at [www.southglos.gov.uk/filton-brentry-consultation](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/filton-brentry-consultation)

## **What is a traffic management system and how will it work?**

The new traffic management system for the area will use smart technology to improve traffic flows on roads especially during busy times.

It will link and co-ordinate traffic signals, alter traffic signal timing to disperse crowds and manage incidents. Variable Message Signage will be installed at key locations in the local and wider area, to inform people of potential congestion in advance allowing them to change time of travel or routes.

The Traffic Management System will be automated for the majority of the time, operating as efficiently as possible but there will also be the ability for experienced traffic engineers to manually over-ride the system in the event of an emergency.

## **Who will be responsible for delivering the improvements?**

The improvements will be delivered by South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council.

## **Where is the money coming from to pay for these improvements?**

The improvements would be funded through a combination of developer contributions and the West of England Combined Authority. South Gloucestershire and Bristol City Council are submitting a

Business Case to the Combined Authority to help secure funding.

## **When will construction take place and how long will it last?**

We do not have a start date for the construction work, at this early stage in the design and consultation process, but we will inform the community as soon as this is confirmed. It is anticipated the work will complete in early 2024.

## **How will the scheme benefit me?**

The proposed improvements to walking and cycling routes will make it safer and more attractive to walk or cycle in the Filton and Brentry areas.

The new traffic management system will improve traffic flows on roads in the area, especially during busy times. This will reduce congestion, and improve journey times for all road users.

The changes to two existing bus stops along the A38 will also help improve traffic flows at the Filton roundabout.

## How does the scheme fit in with the council's declared climate emergency and carbon targets?

In July 2019, South Gloucestershire Council declared a Climate Emergency. The council has taken urgent steps to address this situation and prepare for the local impact of climate change and reducing carbon emissions. Transport is a key generator of carbon emissions and represents the largest source of emissions.

An important part of our response to the Climate Emergency is to provide improved walking and cycling routes and public transport. By doing this we hope to encourage people to make the switch to more sustainable travel, especially for local journeys.

## How will safety be improved?

Providing off-road facilities for cyclists will reduce the risk of collisions between cyclists and vehicles. Where possible the cycle tracks will also be separated from the footway and bus stops to reduce the risk of collisions between cyclists and pedestrians including waiting bus passengers.

The scheme has been designed using national guidance and best practice including LTN1/20, which includes guidance on the separation of pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles, which is proposed as far as possible within space constraints.

## What are the next steps for the scheme?

We will review the responses received through the public engagement. They will be taken into account as we progress with the design work for the scheme and submission of a Full Business Case to the West of England Combined Authority later this year.

## How do I find out more about the scheme?

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If you have a question, please email [transport.services@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:transport.services@southglos.gov.uk) or please attend one of the drop-in events being held during the consultation period.

These events are being held:

- Monday 25 April 2pm to 5pm at Filton Library
- Wednesday 27 April 12pm to 3pm at Southmead Library

You do not need to book to attend these events – just drop in.

## How can I have my say?

You can have your say by completing our online survey at [www.southglos.gov.uk/filton-brentry-consultation](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/filton-brentry-consultation)

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