



TRESA Public Meeting

Bruhaha, 156-158 Wells Road
7.30pm Tuesday 9th July 2024

Programme for the meeting

- Welcome and introductions
- TRESA updates
- What does the general election mean for Totterdown?
- Residents concerns

Comfort break/chance to buy drinks

- The Banana Bridge closure and refurbishment
- Planning updates
- Any other business?



TRESA updates

- Company Secretary: all records up to date
- Treasurer: the funds in each ring-fenced account are as follows:

Totterdown			Tree		Totterdown Playing		Bee	Totterdown
Energy	Admin	Bushy Park	Sculpture	Mosaic	Traders	Out	Friendly	Sprouting
£2,697.71	£2,259.70	£1,552.85	£718.00	£631.60	£492.04	£387.56	£153.93	£88.81

- Talk of Totterdown
 - Next issue out in September
- New Walls
 - some traffic counting has taken place on Angers Road
 - Building works have started at 122 Bath Road
- Totterdown sprouting
 - Garden group meets every 2nd Monday of the month, 2pm at Tesco flowerbeds
 - Community orchard at the bottom of Park Street has regular working parties
- Totterdown Front Garden Awards
 - Volunteer judges needed to give out awards
 - Final judging 19-21 July



2024 general election results

Candidate and party	Vote
Karin Smyth, Labour (elected)	18,521 42.7%
Jai Breitnauer, Green	10,855 25.0%
Richard Visick, Reform UK	6,195 14.3%
Liz Brennan, Conservative	4,947 11.4%
Andrew Brown, Liberal Democrat	2,721 6.3%
Neil Norton, Social Democratic Party	164 0.4%



Karin Smyth MP, Minister of State for Health

- Subordinate to Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
- Karin Smyth is ministerial lead for:
 - Care Quality Commission
 - Health Education England
 - NHS Improvement
 - Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
- Role as constituency MP
 - Represent the interests and concerns of constituents in the House of Commons
 - Attend functions, visit schools and businesses etc.
 - Hold 'surgeries' where local people can come along to discuss any matters that concern them



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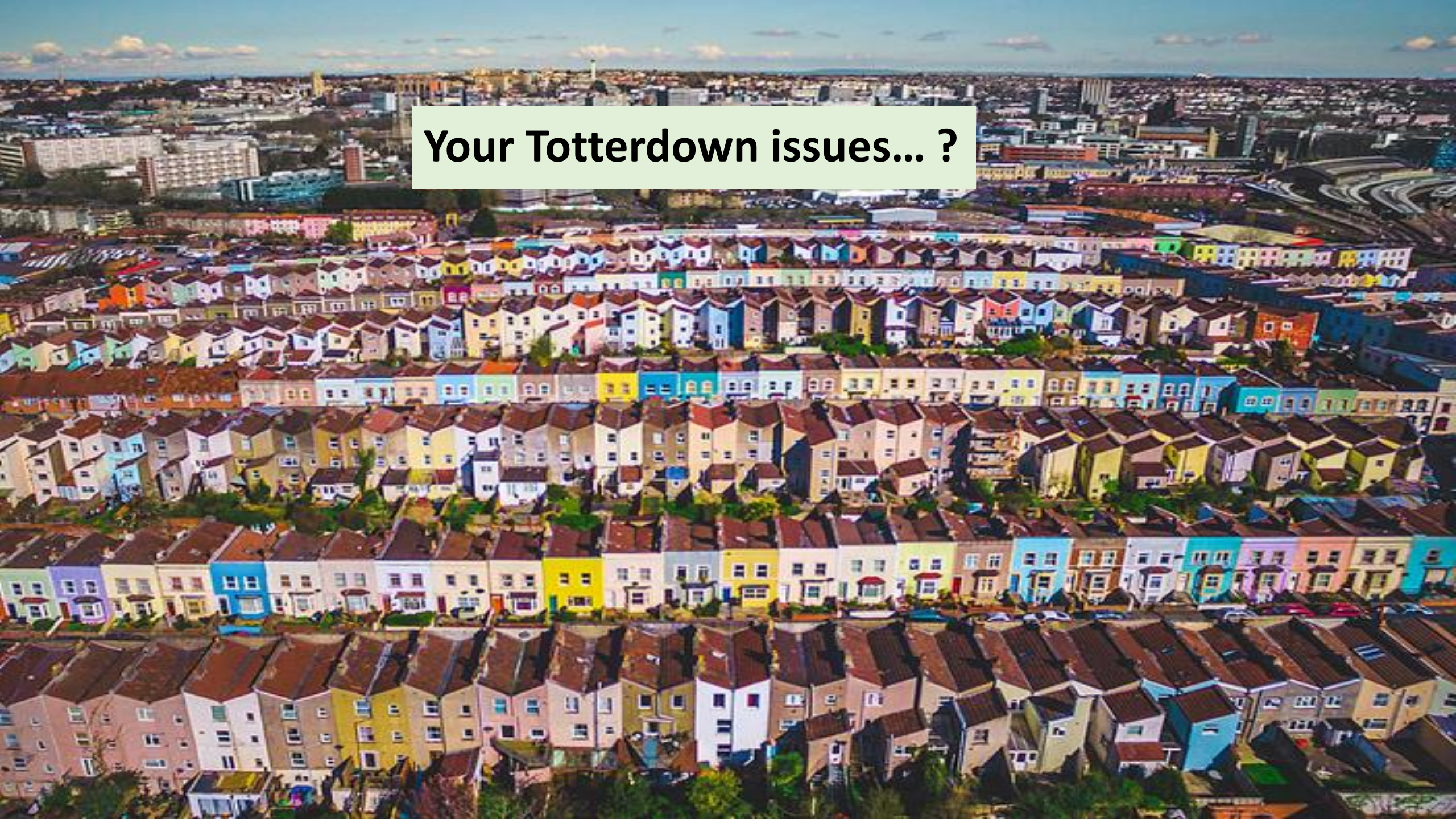
Labour manifesto: some key neighbourhood issues?

- Introduce a new **Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee**, restoring patrols to town centres, recruiting thousands of new police officers, police and community support officers, and special constables. Communities will have a named officer to turn to when things go wrong
- Train thousands **more GPs**, guarantee a face-to-face appointment for those who want one and deliver a modern appointment system
- Provide 700,000 more urgent dental appointments and **recruit new dentists to areas that need them most**
- Scrap the effective immunity for some shoplifting and **create a new specific offence for assaults on shop workers** that will protect them from threats and violence

***inews*: ‘Ugly’ green belt in London, Manchester and Bristol earmarked for 200,000 homes**

- Thousands of sites in England’s green belt have been identified to help deliver the target of building 300,000 homes a year
- Bristol and Bath has 606 sites
- Developing on ‘brownfield’ sites, 50% affordable, boosting infrastructure and including green spaces
- The Labour government will be prepared to overrule local objections to major new housing developments
- **The government will reverse 2023 planning reforms that scrapped mandatory housing targets: local authorities were able to block housing projects if they materially altered the character of the local area**
- The Government will publish a new draft of the National Planning Policy Framework by the end of July



An aerial photograph of a large terraced housing estate in Tottenham, London. The houses are painted in a variety of bright colors including yellow, blue, red, and white, creating a vibrant mosaic. The estate is densely packed, with rows of houses stretching across the frame. In the background, the city of London is visible, including the M4 motorway and various commercial buildings under a clear sky.

Your Tottenham issues... ?

Comfort break and opportunity to purchase drinks

After the break:

- Banana Bridge renovations
- Planning updates
- Any other business?



Initial plan: Closure and refurbishment of the Banana Bridge

- Closed for up to 18 months (depending on current condition)
- Up to £2m worth of repairs
- remove the bridge's surface, repair structure and masonry, and repaint
- Diversions in place via Bath Road or Bedminster Bridge
- Administered by the West of England Combined Authority
- Funded by the Department for Transport's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement



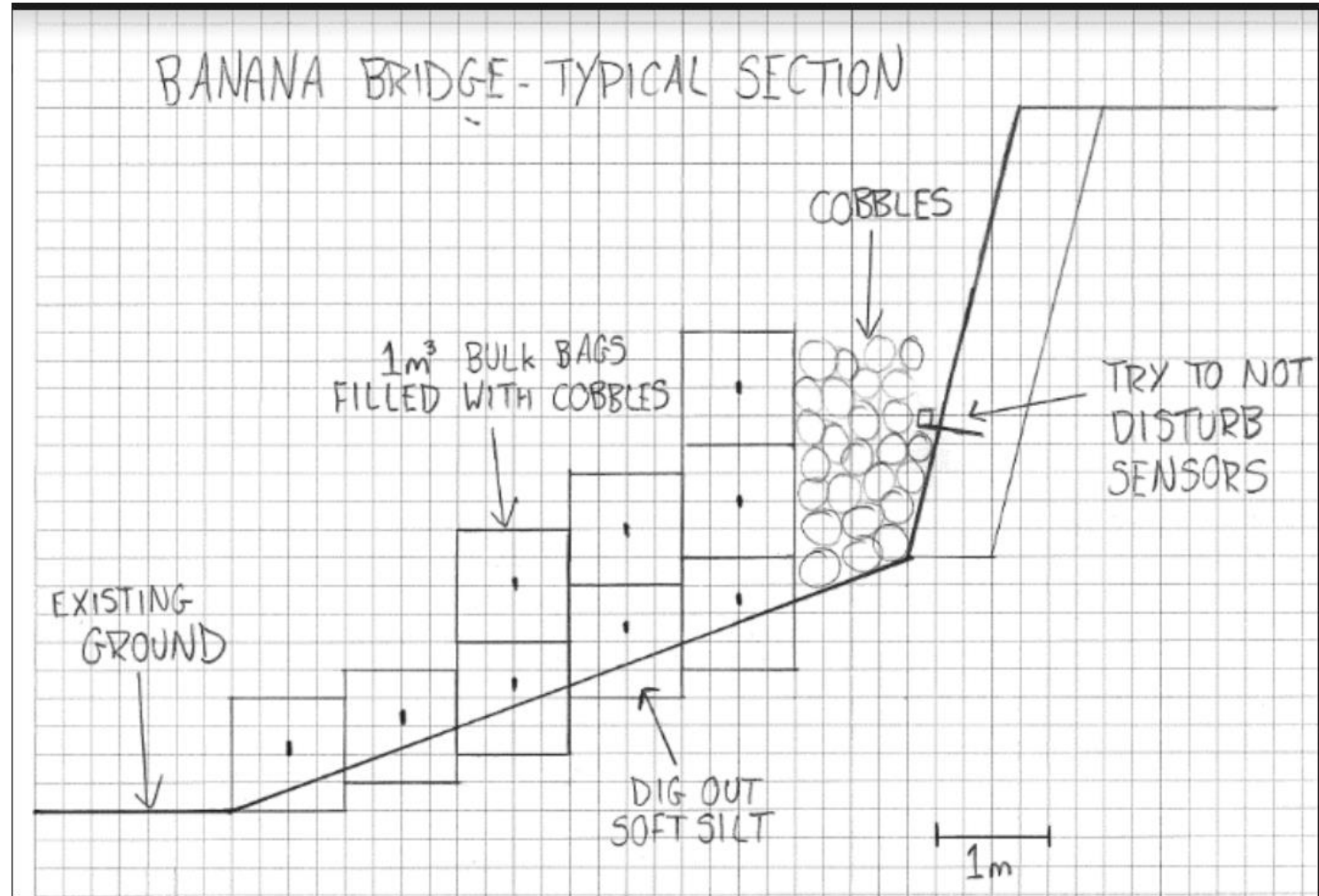
Repairs to the Banana Bridge and River Wall

- Electronic sensors showing movement of a 120m stretch of masonry wall near Langton Street Bridge is speeding up
- River wall could fail without urgent action
- The council has programmed in emergency repairs on the York Road side of the New Cut, either side of the Banana Bridge
- Emergency works expected to take 12 weeks
- One-tonne bags to be placed along the river bank to reduce tidal pressure and secure the river wall until long-term works are carried out



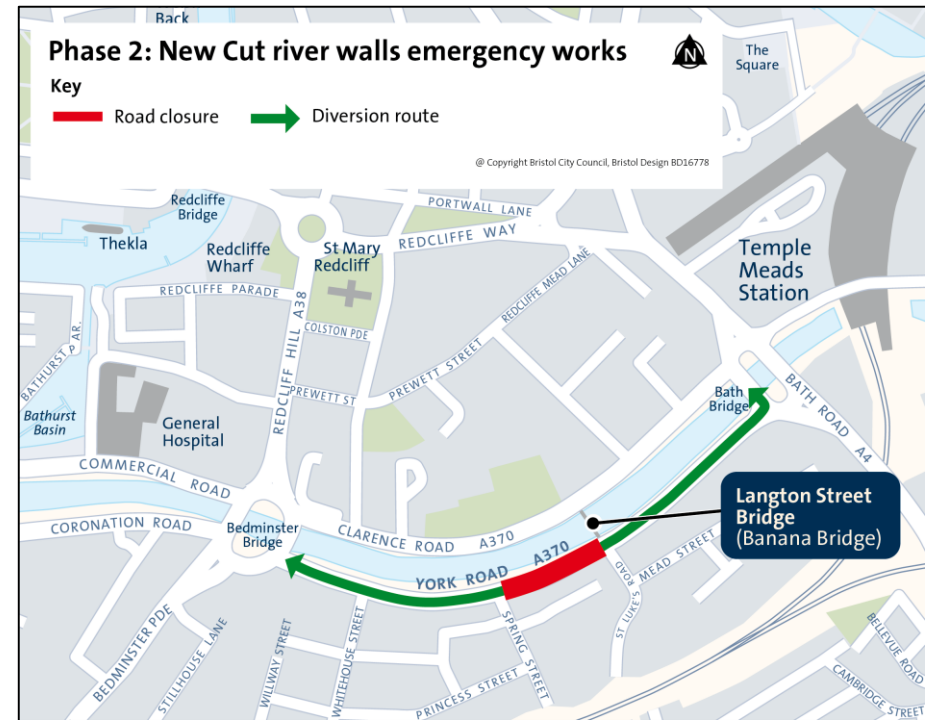
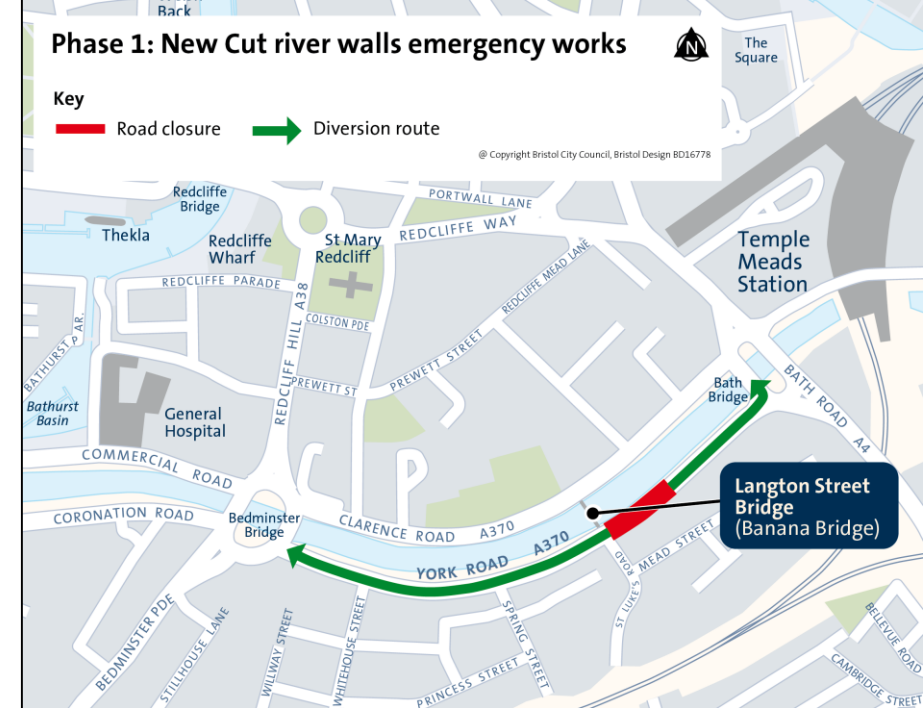
Typical Cross section of Emergency Proposal

- Install stone filled dumpy bags to front of river wall at the base
- 1m thick layer of cobbles to break-up turbulence caused by the dumpy bags
- To provide additional restraint stability and some protection from scour from the fast flowing river
- To ensure the wall remains in-situ pending the permanent works, now programmed to start Sept/Oct 2024



Road closures

- Due to the size of the lifting equipment needed, part of York Road will need to close for up to 12 weeks from 8 July
- Work will be carried out in two phases
- Phase 1: York Road closed between St Luke's Road towards Bath Bridges roundabout (up to the Shell garage and Fowlers to give the businesses access) for 6 weeks
- Phase 2: York Road closed between St Luke's Road and Spring Street for 6 weeks.
- Diversionary routes will be signposted
- Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained



“To gain access to the embankment for the emergency repairs, unfortunately four London planes trees will need to be felled or pruned back under the guidance of ecologists. Any trees lost will be replaced with new trees as part of the long-term permanent repairs.”



Long-term permanent repairs



- Long-term, permanent repairs estimated to take up to 2 years
- Installing a sheet-piled retaining wall at the top of the bank to stabilise York Road
- Building a concrete piled wall behind the existing river wall
- Planting trees and vegetation along the 120 metre section of stabilised embankment

Planning updates

- Mead Street towerblock proposal: refused
- 122 Bath Road: work has started on electricity cables and services to the site
- Totterdown Bridge towerblocks: no more news
- 24/02479/F | Change of use of part ground floor from upholstery of furniture, training, retailing of furniture (sui generis) to children's play area for mothers and children (0-5 yrs) and ancillary cafe.(Class E(f) | 186 Wells Road Totterdown Bristol BS4 2AL

Concerns have been expressed about the wording of the application i.e. 'mothers' rather than 'carers'. TRESA has written to suggest it be changed but has not received a reply



Any other business?

- Fly tipping – especially on St Lukes Steps and at the side of the Oxford Street shops
- 2 Lombardy poplars have been felled on Bedminster Green – there is concern about loss of trees in the area

