



TRESA Public Meeting

Bruhaha, 156-158 Wells Road
7.30pm Tuesday 12th November 2024

Programme for the meeting

- Welcome and introductions
- Closure of Bellevue Road
- Police matters
- South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood
 - Workshop update
 - Guide Dogs concerns

Comfort break/chance to buy drinks

- Towerblocks at Totterdown Bridge
- The Banana Bridge and Avon New Cut
- Totterdown Urban Nature Reserve
- Any other business?



Closure of Bellevue Road at junction with Wells Road

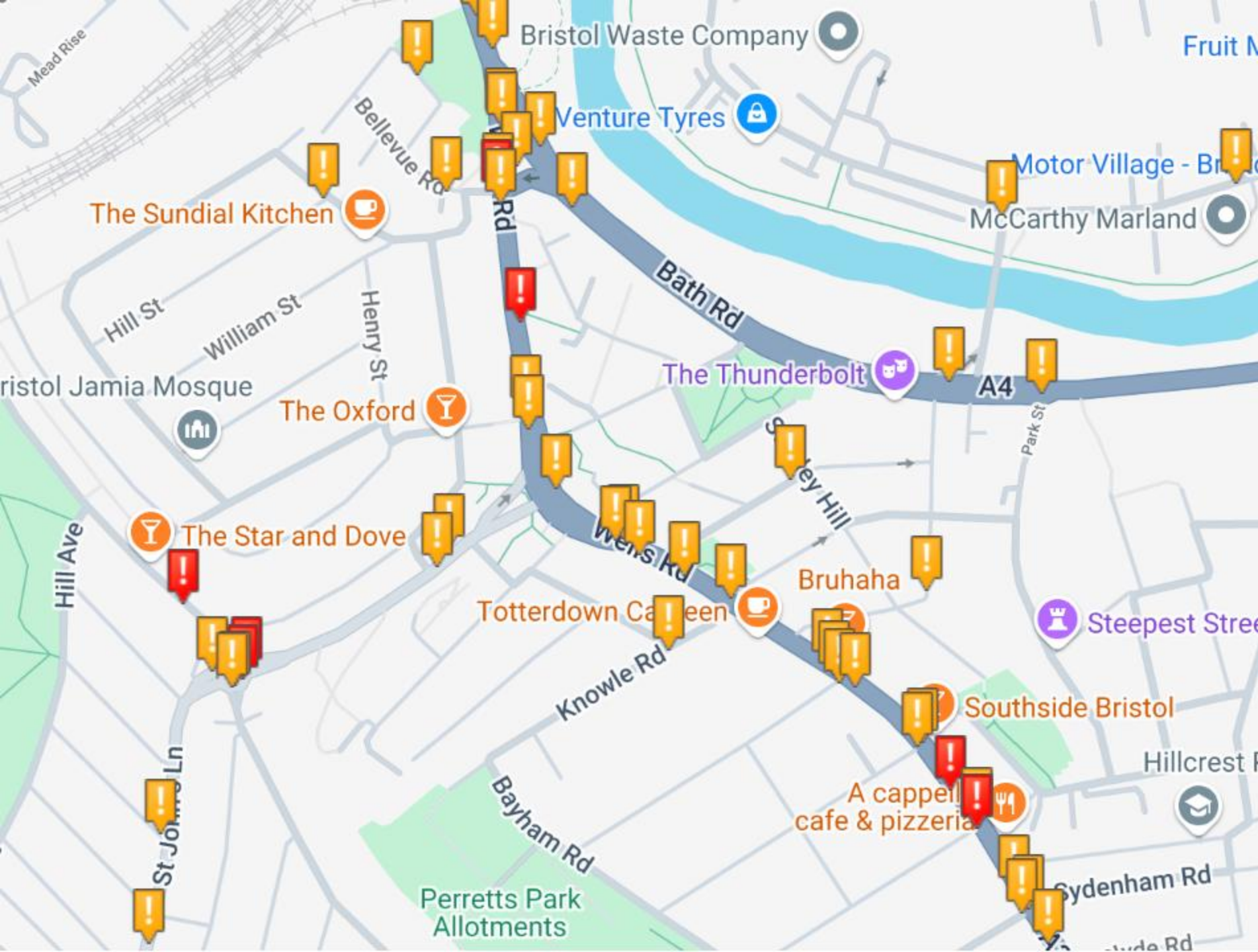
Proposal at Transport and Connectivity Policy Committee

- **This element will not be taken forward as part of A37 scheme but issues will be considered as part of South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood**

Amendment (Labour group)

- That the Committee for Transport & Connectivity 1. Approves the submission of a Full Business Case... **including the closure of Bellevue Road at the junction with A37 Wells Road.** This point closure will prevent further injuries to cyclists and motorcyclists until a long-term solution for this junction is brought forward as part of the South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood project

The amendment was rejected (3 in favour, 6 against) and the closure of the Bellevue Road/Well Road junction will **not** be part of the A37 scheme



Crashmap data
2018-2022

amber - slight

red – serious

(to be
discussed later
under 'police
matters')

Police matters

Acting Police Sergeant Stuart Williams

Mathew Badrick, Police Community Support Officer

- police activities in the Totterdown area e.g. staffing, patrols, rotas etc.
- crime statistics and priorities for Totterdown
- road traffic accident statistics, including severity and causes, in Totterdown



Residents' concerns

Installing a camera for fines on Cambridge Street (Bellevue Road/Wells Road junction)?
I have asked the police about this before but I was not satisfied with the answer.

Shop lifting e.g. from co-op on Wells Road, Totterdown – blatant and without repercussions?

Cars frequently driving through the 'no entry' sign at the top of Angers Road - onto Wells Road - in the knowledge that nothing will be done.

With the issue of the roadworks on York Road, there have been a number of illegal u-turns on the Wells Road approaching the 3 Lamps

e-scooter users not complying with the pedestrian crossing red light on the Wells Road just before Bellevue Road.

I have seen e-scooters with 2 people riding on them. How is this service being monitored by the police and/or BCC and/or WECA?

Residents' concerns

Speed/lack of care with which cars and lorries come down the Wells Road. Risk that they may not stop in time for the crossings e.g. a car coming down the hill drove straight through the crossing by Brecknock Road when I was walking across it and the lights were red for vehicles and green for pedestrians. It made me concerned about the crossing safety - especially children using this regularly to get to the school, and there are a number of frail and/or disabled people who use the crossing too. Slowing down the traffic or a speed camera might help.

Is there any way of asking police to enforce no parking on pavements where there are double yellow lines? Cars should not be in pavements anyway but when on double yellow lines it means pedestrians/pushchairs etc have to walk in the road on corners which is especially dangerous. Police have more important things to deal with but worth asking.

Especially thinking of Pylle Hill Crescent/Windsor Terrace and Windsor Terrace/Henry Street. Regular occurrence and often in evening and overnight which makes it even more dangerous as dark.

South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods

Bedminster, Southville, Windmill Hill

Windmill Hill workshop discussion

- Approx. £3m from different funds, some with conditions, to be spent by March 2027
- £12m application to West of England Combined Authority, outcome likely March 2025
- Some concerns over parking permits
- Concerns that cycle and pedestrian needs should be prioritised - consult Bristol Walking Alliance
- Feedback in March/April 2025 on next steps
- Cycling and pedestrian routes from Temple Meads to Three Lamps are part of a separate business case



Options for a liveable neighbourhood

- Priority to pedestrians and cyclists at side road junctions
- Safe crossings and junctions
- Wider / clearer pavements
- Protected cycle tracks
- Cycle / e-scooter parking
- Cycle hangars
- Modal filter
- Diagonal filter
- Bus gate
- One ways/banned movements
- School Streets
- Managing on-street car parking
- Managing unsafe vehicle speeds
- Electric Vehicle charging points
- Parklets
- Pocket park
- Street trees and planting
- Street art
- Street lighting



Guide dogs, Stillhouse Lane, Bristol

- Narrow pavements - issues with bins (domestic and business)
- Scaffolding – blocking/narrowing pavements
- Poor tactile markings
- Shared surfaces (pedestrians and cyclists)
- E-scooters left on pavements
- Street clutter – A-boards, bins, flower pots
- Pavement parking
- Lack of safe crossing points

The button box in Totterdown on Wells Road (by School Road) is at the back of the pavement. This makes it difficult to navigate the crossing, as you have to wait at the back of the pavement to hold onto the tactile cone. The positioning of the boxes on controlled crossing across Bristol is all too often incorrect

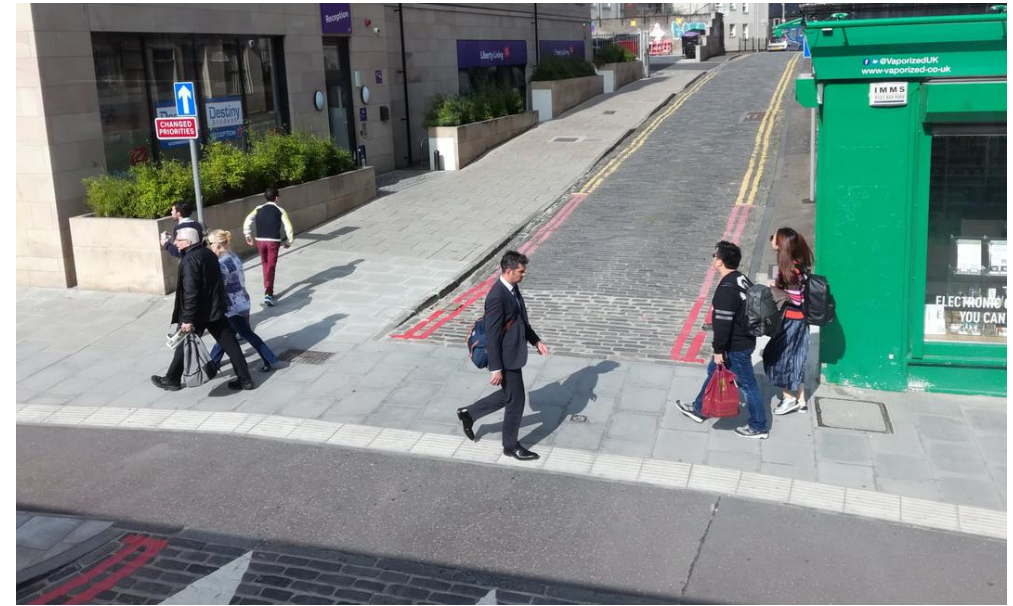
Pavement parking

As a guide dog owner I was forced to walk out into the road on numerous occasions as I walked from our office in Stillhouse Lane to the South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods Engagement Event at the Windmill Hill Community Centre due to inconsiderate pavement parking, with all the danger that entails for a person with a vision impairment. Pavement parking is a regular and ongoing barrier to the independence and safety of residents in and around South Bristol who live with sight loss.



Continuous Pavements

- The footway extends over a junction where a side road joins a main road. Both vehicles and pedestrians are using the same level surface at the junction.
- These junctions are dangerous for people with sight loss, who may not be aware that they are entering onto a crossing where vehicles may be driving.
- A tactile surface (with appropriate contrast) should be placed along the width of the crossing points where a traditional kerb has been removed



Shared pedestrian/ cycle routes

- Shared use areas are inaccessible for people with a vision impairment even with low levels of cycle traffic
- There should be a physical demarcation such as a kerb, barrier or, where these are not possible, a raised tactile strip.

Street clutter

- Street clutter makes it difficult for pedestrians with sight loss to use pavements safely and independently
- Street clutter includes: parked cars on pavements, overhanging branches, bins, advertising boards (including A-boards), e-scooters, dockless bicycles, café furniture, shop displays, planters, electric car charging points, redundant traffic signs and lamp posts
- Guide dogs are trained to avoid street clutter, but many pathways do not allow enough space for guide dog partnerships to get through



Ideas for Totterdown's liveable neighbourhood

- More safe crossing points on Wells Road, St John's Lane, St Luke's Road (St Luke's Road pedestrian crossing is being held back)
- Continuous pavements along Wells Road at side junctions? Must be carefully designed to meet requirements of disabled users
- Separate walking and cycling infrastructure
- Ban pavement parking
- Residents parking zone to manage parking and help pay for enforcement

Comfort break and opportunity to purchase drinks

After the break:

- Totterdown Bridge Towerblock development
- Banana Bridge renovations and Avon New Cut
- Totterdown Urban Nature Reserve
- Any other business?



Totterdown Bridge Towerblocks

- 2019: approved despite breaching council's own planning policies & large number of objections
- 2022: contractor, Mid-Group, collapsed into administration
- Dormant site for almost 2 years
- 2024 RECOM appointed as Construction Managers
- Clarion Housing Association owns and will manage the finished development
- 100% affordable (social rent % unclear)
- Completion anticipated late 2026
- Bath Road bus stop will close again during construction works



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT
Bath Road "The Boatyard" Project Update

Thursday 7th November 2024

Bocabar, Paintworks. Bath Road

6.30pm arrival. 6.45pm start.

Tea & coffee will be provided.

Come and meet the team who have been engaged to complete delivery of this prestigious project. We'll also provide you with an update on our design & construction proposals together with how we intend to keep you all regularly up-to-date.

CLARION
HOUSING GROUP

Totterdown towerblocks: Issues raised

Fire safety

- One stairwell does not comply with post-Grenfell fire regulations (permitted because construction started before new regulations enforced)
- 2 lifts, including a firefighter lift designed to transport firefighters and equipment

Noise

- Sound insulation is good when windows are shut
- Noise from traffic and waste transfer stations through open windows, or on balconies, not addressed



Totterdown towerblocks: Issues raised

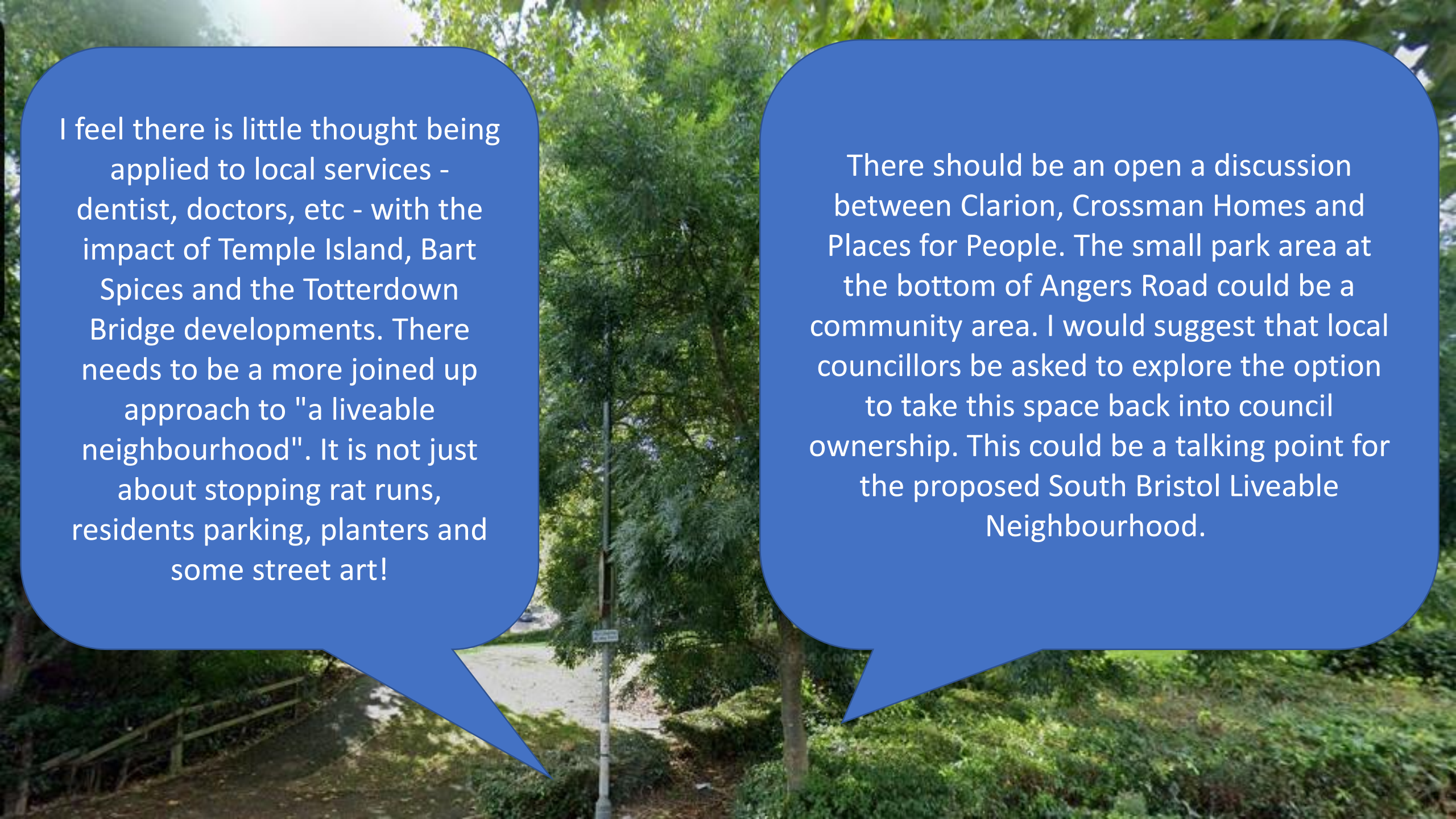
Children and families

- Car and cycle parking at basement level but what about buggy storage?
- No children's play area: School Road park cited as outdoor space; Sparke Evans park, and Angers Road green space (Places for People) may be better
- Crossings on Bath Road to be improved (?)

Local services

- Additional strain on local services (e.g. doctors, dentists, schools) as each new development is considered in isolation: not addressed
- Commercial space at ground level: use currently unclear



The background image shows a street scene with lush green trees and foliage. A utility pole with a small sign is visible in the center. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. Two large blue speech bubbles are overlaid on the image, containing text.

I feel there is little thought being applied to local services - dentist, doctors, etc - with the impact of Temple Island, Bart Spices and the Totterdown Bridge developments. There needs to be a more joined up approach to "a liveable neighbourhood". It is not just about stopping rat runs, residents parking, planters and some street art!

There should be an open a discussion between Clarion, Crossman Homes and Places for People. The small park area at the bottom of Angers Road could be a community area. I would suggest that local councillors be asked to explore the option to take this space back into council ownership. This could be a talking point for the proposed South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood.

Banana Bridge and Avon New Cut

- Bridge closed for up to 18 months
- Up to £2m worth of repairs
- remove the bridge's surface, repair structure and masonry, and repaint
- Emergency works expected to take 12 weeks
- One-tonne bags placed along river bank to reduce tidal pressure and secure river wall until long-term works are carried out



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

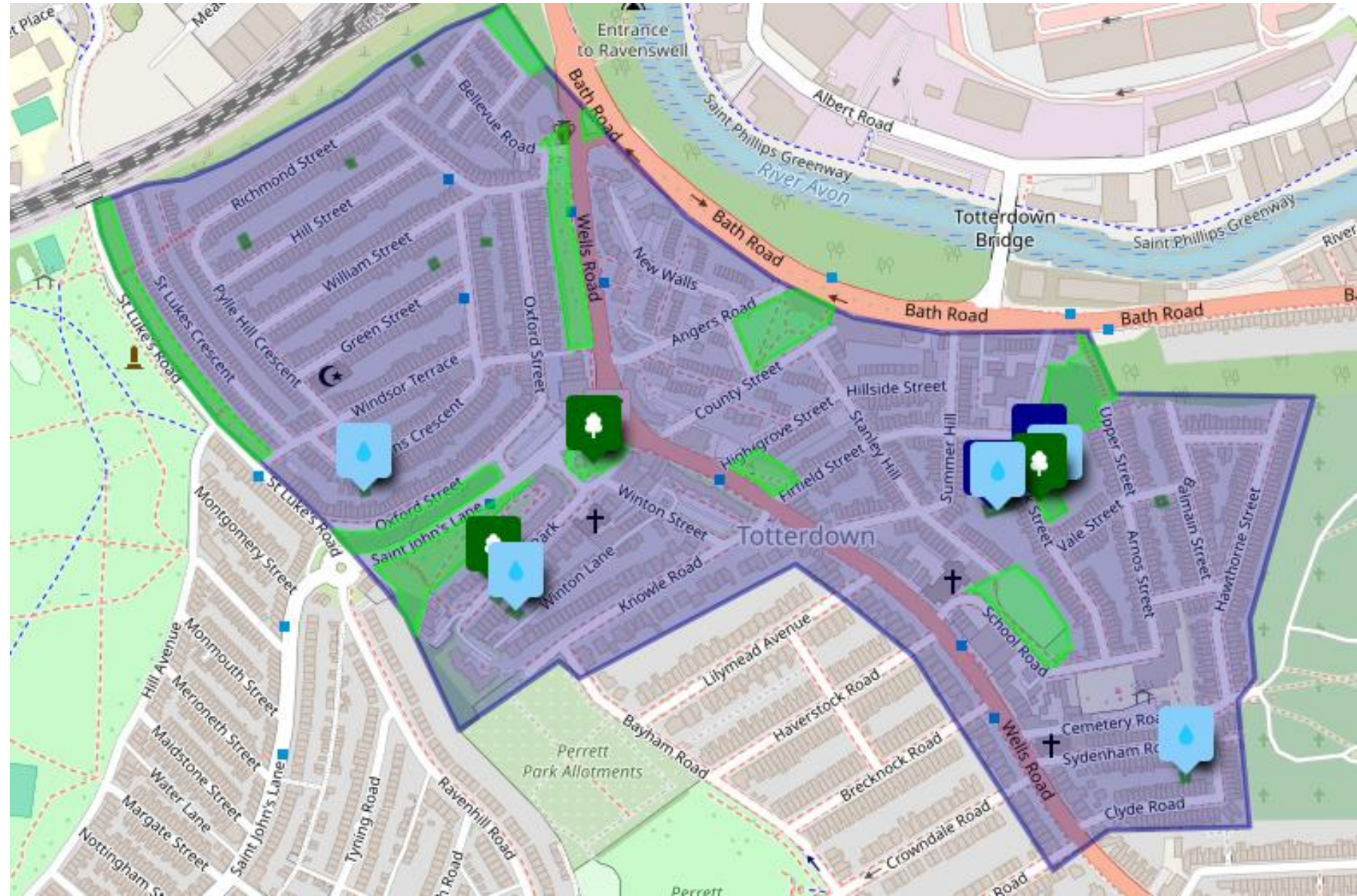
Four miles of crumbling New Cut walls to be stripped of vegetation

- Plants, grass, weeds and vegetation on the walls of the New Cut will be removed
- Footpaths and pavements along the embankments might need to be closed
- Work will start at Cumberland Road by the Create Centre and then move along the north bank to Bathurst Bridge before crossing over to Coronation Road and running east to Bedminster Bridge
- Vegetation removal expected to take around 3 months to complete
- Vegetation clearance will be supervised by ecologists



Totterdown Urban Nature Reserve

- TRESA will map areas of nature and wildlife
- Residents encouraged to make their garden a wildlife haven to be added to the map
- Aiming for 30% of the TRESA area to be wildlife friendly with diverse ecosystems



Urban Nature Reserve Registration Form

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The boundary of Totterdown's urban nature reserve (UNR) is outlined in this map. If you live in this area and would like to add your garden to the Totterdown UNR, or you know of another space that might be suitable, please complete this form.

TRESA Area



Your name *

Short answer text

Email address

Short answer text

Postal address

So we can plot your garden on the map

Short answer text

Roughly, how big is the garden area managed for nature? *

Short answer text

What wildlife friendly features are in your garden? *

- ☐ Pollinating plants
- ☐ Notable trees
- ☐ Bird table / feeder
- ☐ Pond
- ☐ Bug house
- ☐ Other...

What wildlife you have seen in Totterdown in the last year e.g. birds, mammals, amphibians/reptiles, insects/invertebrates. Please say where you spotted this.

Long answer text

Totterdown sprouting

(Apologies from Anne Silber)

- Work party held in the Community Orchard, bottom of Park Street, 2nd November
- Next Orchard work party (pruning) will be in February 2025
- In the meantime, there are plans for a 'clear up and social' (date tbc)
- Apple tree rootstock are on order for a grafting workshop in Spring
- Bulbs [tulip, allium, crocus, daffodil] planted by gardening club in Totterdown Square, Oxford Street
- Wassail - waiting to hear if Rag Morris are able to attend this event, possible dates are afternoons of 11th or 18th January 2025
- Please come and support Zone A bulb planting over the Totterdown Arts Trail weekend, 16th/17th November

Any other business?

- Totterdown Art Trail this weekend, 16th/17th November
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