

BRISTOL CYCLING



A37/A4018 Sustainable Transport Corridor

Consultation Response

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Executive Summary

Bristol Cycling Campaign believes that this scheme does not meet the stated aims or technical requirements, because the cycling elements are fragmented and in many sections completely missing.

Transport corridor schemes are the principal proposed mechanism for the local authority and the combined authority to make improvements for all sustainable transport means (walking, cycling and public transport). The stated aim is *“to make it easier and more convenient to use the bus, walk and cycle wherever possible, rather than use private cars”*.

The proposed scheme follows the corridor of the number 2 bus route from Henbury in the north, through the city centre, to Stockwood in the south. The expectation with such a corridor scheme is that continuous sustainable journeys will be enabled along the entire length of the route.

Instead, what we can see in the cycling proposals is a concentration of interventions in the central area, but in the northern and southern sections the cycling provision is discontinuous, sometimes poor quality and often missing altogether.

While allowing people to visit and transit across the city centre safely by bicycle is important, it is no use if they can't easily get there from their home or reach their ultimate destination.

Most of the proposed changes in the central area are of good quality design, and will make a real positive change to cycling in that area. We strongly support these proposals from Clifton Triangle to Victoria Street.

The quality of the central section gives us confidence that Bristol City Council is able to implement the right kind of infrastructure if the level of ambition and will is high enough. This level of quality is necessary along the whole corridor, not just in the city centre.

We urge Bristol City Council to re-think the proposals, increase the level of ambition and enable people of all ages and abilities to make a safe, convenient and sustainable journey all the way from where they live to where they're going. Do the good bits, fill the gaps and do much more.