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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BRISTOL AND BATH RAILWAY PATH

The council is proposing to make improvements to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path.

We want to make it safer and a more attractive route for cyclists, pedestrians and wheelers.

We are proposing to install CCTV cameras in identified locations and removing barriers at pinch points to make the path more accessible to all users. We also want to know what else would make it easier and safer to use the path.

The proposals aim to make people feel more confident using the path and encourage more people to leave their cars at home, reducing congestion and improving air quality.

IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE

- **A series of CCTV cameras**
- **Removal of barriers and street furniture at known pinch points**

We also want to hear your views on what else would make it easier and safer to use the railway path.

The proposals aim to help people to feel more confident using the railway path at all times, including in the winter months when nights are darker. They will encourage people to leave their cars at home, reducing congestion and improving air quality.

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CCTV

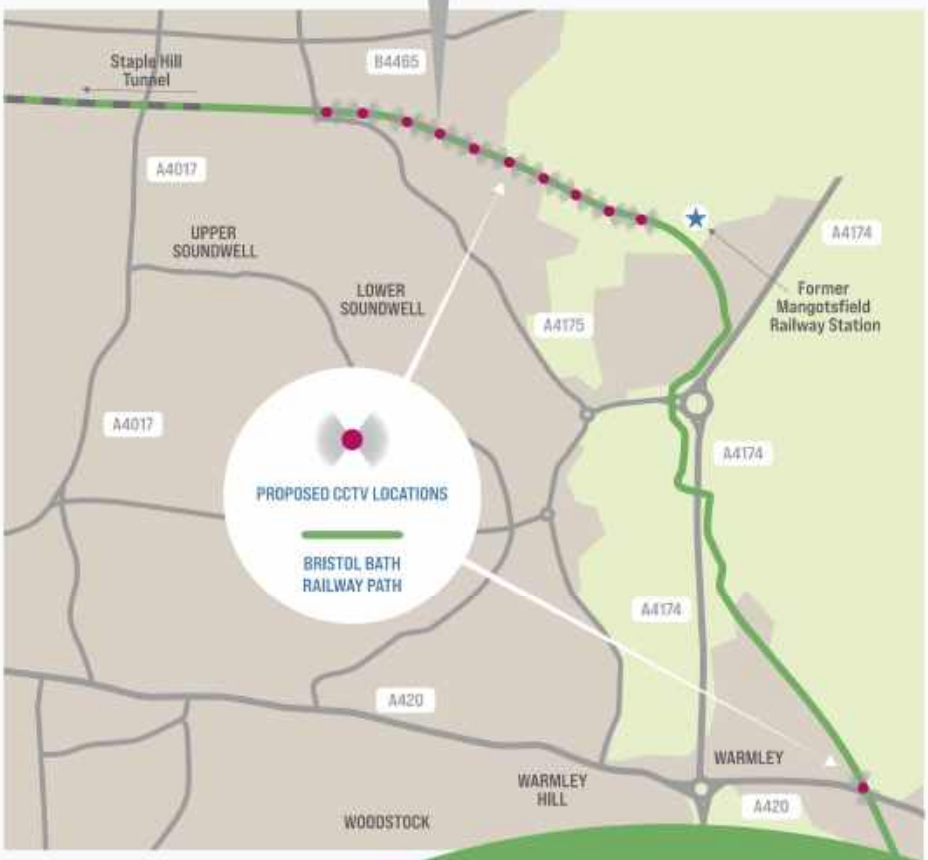
CCTV could help reduce antisocial behaviour and help deter crime along the path.

20 permanent static CCTV cameras are being considered on 10 new columns along a stretch of the railway path from the entrance to the Staple Hill tunnel to the former Mangotsfield station, and a further two cameras at Warmley Waiting Room.

These locations have been chosen because of an increase in reports and incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. They cover entry and exit points of the railway path.

There would be 2 cameras pointing in opposite directions on each column. Each column would be fitted with anti-climb collars to prevent vandalism.

The cameras would not be able to capture footage from nearby residential addresses and would comply with strict data protection laws.



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PINCH POINTS

We are proposing to improve accessibility at 9 known pinch points to provide an easier route for all path users

We are aware there are some points on the path which are narrow and can be difficult to use for people using mobility scooters, wheelchairs or pushchairs, and cyclists. The proposals would aim to make these pinch points easier to use for all path users.

By improving accessibility, we aim to make journeys as easy as possible.



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CONSULTATION

The project is being led by South Gloucestershire Council and will be funded by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements Fund.

community conversations

The consultation closes on 31 January 2025.
The feedback we gather during this engagement period will be analysed and fed into the design process.

Once we have final designs and proposals for the scheme, we will share these with local people. We will then submit a Full Business Case and a request for funding to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

Construction work is likely to take place between 2025 and 2027.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE PLANS:

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