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Bristol and Bath Railway Path Improvements Feedback Survey

We are proposing improvements to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path (referred to as the 'Railway Path' throughout this survey) including CCTV cameras in identified locations, removal of barriers that are creating accessibility pinch points, and we also want to know what else would make it easier and safer to use the Railway Path.

We want to know your thoughts so please complete this survey to provide your feedback on the proposals.

Section 1: Use of the Railway Path

Q23 In what capacity are you completing this survey?

- [ ] I use the Railway Path
- [ ] I live within 500m of the Railway Path
- [ ] I don't currently but would ike to use the Railway Path
- [ ] I'm a local Councillor
- [ ] I'm representing a local business

Other, please specify:

Q25 How often do you typically travel on the Railway Path during daylight hours?

- [ ] Most days
- [ ] A few times per week
- [ ] A few times per month
- [ ] A few times per year
- [ ] Rarely/never

Q26 How often do you typically travel on the Railway Path after dark?

- [ ] Most days
- [ ] A few times per week
- [ ] A few times per month
- [ ] A few times per year
- [ ] Rarely/never

Q27 How does your use of the Railway Path change during the winter months when the sun sets earlier?

- [ ] I use the Railway Path less frequently in winter months because of safety concerns
- [ ] I use the Railway Path less frequently in winter months because of other reasons such as weather
- [ ] I continue to use the Railway Path frequently during winter month, but I feel less safe
- [ ] I use the Railway Path the same amount throughout the year and am not concerned about safety on the Railway Path
- [ ] Not applicable

Q28 Which mode(s) of travel do you use along the Railway Path?

- [ ] Walking
- [ ] Jogging/running
- [ ] Wheeling (using a wheelchair or mobility scooter)
- [ ] Cycling
- [ ] Scooter
- [ ] Skateboard/roller skates

Other, please specify:

Q30 For what purposes do you use the Railway Path?

- [ ] Commuting to work
- [ ] Travelling to other facilities like shops
- [ ] Visiting friends/family
- [ ] Leisure/exercise

Q31 Have you ever been a victim or witness of a crime on the Railway Path between the Staple Hill tunnel and Bitton Station (which is the South Gloucestershire section)?

- [ ] I have been a victim of a crime on the Railway Path and I reported it to the police
- [ ] I have been a victim of a crime on the Railway Path and I did not report it to the police
- [ ] I have witnessed a crime on the Railway Path
- [ ] I have not bee a victim or witness of a crime on the Railway Path but I have experienced behaviour that made me feel unsafe
- [ ] I have not been a victim or witness of a crime on the Railway Path or experienced behaviour that made me feel unsafe
- [ ] Not applicable/prefer not to say

Section 2: Feedback on Proposals

We are proposing to install 20 CCTV cameras on the path between Staple Hill Tunnel and the former Mangotsfield Station, and another two cameras at Warmley Waiting Room.

Q33 How do you feel that the installation of CCTV on the Railway Path would impact you?

- ☐ I would feel safer travelling on the Railway Path in general
- ☐ I would feel safer travelling on the Railway Path after dark
- ☐ I would use the Railway Path more often
- ☐ I would feel safer letting my children use the Railway Path
- ☐ I would feel my privacy would be compromised if CCTV cameras were installed
- ☐ The proposals would make no difference for me

Q34 To what extent do you support the proposed installation of CCTV cameras along the Railway Path?

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Somewhat support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

Q35 To what extent do you agree that the proposed CCTV cameras would be in the right locations?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Q36 If you do not believe that CCTV cameras are proposed in the right location, please explain why and where you believe they should be located instead.

Q37 Please provide any other comments on the proposals to install CCTV cameras on the Railway Path

We are looking at removing or altering barriers that currently create pinch points at 9 locations along the Railway Path. We are aware that some gateway points along the railway path are narrow and make it difficult for people using the Railway Path, particularly for those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Q39 Please describe how the removal or redesign of barriers at pinch points would impact your use of the Railway Path

Q40 Do you support the removal of pinch point barriers that constrain access along the Railway Path?

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Somewhat support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

We know that the numbers of people using the Railway Path reduces in winter months and during hours of darkness and that lighting the Railway Path could improve perceptions of safety and deter incidences of crime. However, the Railway Path is an important ecological corridor and is the only remaining ‘dark corridor’ in the Bristol Urban Fringe. Impacts of lighting the Railway Path on animals such as bats, badgers, glow worms and other insects may include disruption to navigation, feeding/hunting, reproduction, pollination and circadian rhythms.

We are keen to understand public opinion on the benefits and travel behaviour impacts of lighting the Railway Path when balanced against ecological impacts so that we can make future decisions relating to these conflicting priorities.

Q42 How do you feel the installation of lighting on the Railway Path would impact you?

- ☐ Lighting the Railway Path would make no difference for me
- ☐ I would feel safer travelling on the Railway Path after dark
- ☐ I would use the Railway Path more often
- ☐ I would feel safer letting my children use the Railway Path
- ☐ I would feel concerned about the ecological impacts

Q43 Considering the likely positive and negative impacts of lighting the Railway Path, please choose the statement which most applies to your views

- ☐ I would support the installation of lighting and believe the benefits of lighting outweigh any potential ecological impacts
- ☐ I would not support the installation of lighting and believe the negative ecological impacts of lighting outweigh the benefits to people
- ☐ I would not support the installation of lighting for other reasons (please describe in the following question)
- ☐ I'm not sure or don't have a preference

Q44 Please provide any comments relating to lighting the Railway Path

Q45 We know that there are many factors that influence safety and accessibility of walking, wheeling and cycling on and around the Railway Path. Please tell us of any other issues or suggestions relating to the use of the Railway Path that we can use to inform these proposals as well as future projects and to share with relevant internal teams and external organisations.

About You

This section is really important. It's vital that we understand the experiences of a wide range of respondents in order to ensure that everyone is treated equally. By understanding more about what people from diverse backgrounds tell us, we can ensure we act appropriately to meet needs. All questions are optional and any responses to these questions will remain confidential. Individuals will not be identified and personal details will not be published.

Q13 Please tell us your postcode (this is used for analysis purposes only)

Q1 What is your age?

- ☐ 19 or under
- ☐ 20 to 29
- ☐ 30 to 39
- ☐ 40 to 49
- ☐ 50 to 59
- ☐ 60 to 69
- ☐ 70 to 79
- ☐ 80 or over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q17 What is your employment status?

- [ ] Working full-time
- [ ] Working part-time
- [ ] Zero-hour contract
- [ ] Self-employed
- [ ] Apprenticeship/training
- [ ] Student
- [ ] Retired
- [ ] Unemployed
- [ ] Stay at home parent
- [ ] Carer
- [ ] Volunteer

Q2 How would you describe your gender?

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female
- [ ] Non-binary
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Q12 Do you consider yourself to be trans? (Trans is an umbrella term to describe people whose gender identity is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Q3 Please tell us your sexual orientation?

- [ ] Straight or Heterosexual
- [ ] Gay
- [ ] Lesbian
- [ ] Queer
- [ ] Bisexual
- [ ] Asexual
- [ ] Pansexual
- [ ] All other sexual orientations
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Q4 Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (**Please tick all that apply**)

- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Yes - Physical impairment, such as difficulty using arms or mobility issues which may mean using a wheelchair or crutches
- [ ] Yes - Sensory impairment, such as being blind/having a serious visual impairment or being deaf/have a hearing impairment
- [ ] Yes - Mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia
- [ ] Yes - Learning disability/difficulty (such as Down's Syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia) or cognitive impairment (such as autism spectrum condition)
- [ ] Yes - Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy
- [ ] Yes - Other (please state)

Q11 Please tell us your ethnic origin

☐	Arab/Arab British	01	
☐	Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	02	
☐	Asian/Asian British - Chinese	03	
☐	Asian/Asian British - Indian	04	
☐	Asian/Asian British - Other	05	
☐	Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	06	
☐	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - African	07	
☐	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean	08	
☐	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Other	09	
☐	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	10	
☐	Mixed/multiple ethnic group - Other	11	
☐	Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Asian	12	
☐	Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black African	13	
☐	Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black Caribbean	14	
☐	White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	15	
☐	White - Other (please state)	16	
☐	White Irish	17	
☐	White - Roma	18	
☐	Other ethnic group	19	
☐	Prefer not to say	20	

If other, please state:

Please return your completed questionnaire to South Gloucestershire Council, Insight and Engagement Team, Bristol Bath Railway Path, PO Box 1953, Bristol, BS37 0DE

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