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Temple Greenway proposals

Summary

Bristol Civic Society **supports** the Temple Greenway proposals, on the basis that the pontoon walkway is an interim solution that needs to be built in time for the opening of the arena in 2017 - before the nearby waterside sites have been redeveloped, notably the site of the former Royal Mail sorting office, enabling access to the arena directly from the rear access to the station and the Station Street through route underneath it.

We look forward to more detailed plans for the proposals in due course.

More information required

Arena access strategy: The management of pedestrian flows between the station and arena is not clear. The arrival route for those who arrive by bus or car, and the pedestrian route from the drop-off point, is not articulated. The Society is concerned that the proposals show high-level designs for access routes to the arena without demonstrating that there will be enough capacity for the expected volumes of people arriving at the area by different modes of transport, and without showing any proposals for improving access to the arena from the narrow pavement on Bath Road. It would have helped to make all this part of the published proposals, but no doubt it will follow later.

The wider plan: As with the recent Temple Circus proposals, the Temple Greenway proposals are a part of a much larger plan, and would be better assessed in the context of the wider plan. It would have helped to see the proposals within the whole picture of the longer-term delivery of improvements to the whole Temple Meads area, including proposals by Network Rail and HCA. Again, this will no doubt follow later, but hopefully before not too long.

Assumptions

Our comments assume the following points which have been learned from the drop-in event rather than the written consultation material:

- the "Harbour Walkway" pontoon walkway/cycleway will be 4m wide and there will be lighting on it
- the loop of the walkway at Totterdown Basin, with an arc sticking out over the basin, is designed as an access point for boats.
- consideration is being given to a ferry stop at Totterdown Basin
- other areas of the embankments around Totterdown Basin and opposite the arena will be landscaped as places for people to stop by, not just pass through. (This is important.)