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Proposed improvements to Park Row, Perry Road, Upper Maudlin Street and Colston Street

Bristol Civic Society supports the principles of this scheme.

We are pleased to see improvements for walkers and cyclists, including two-stage right turn crossings for cyclists, and upgraded and single stage pedestrian crossings.

Park Street Avenue

The scheme appears to include the pedestrianisation of Park Street Avenue, which we welcome. We hope this can become a high-quality public space.

Colston Street

We welcome the pedestrian priority on part of Colston Street, made possible by the one-way system along Colston Street and Lower Park Row.

This could improve pedestrian flow along the picturesque route between Christmas Steps and St Michael's Hill via St Michael's Steps, though we note that there are no plans to make it safer to cross Perry Road here.

Care will be needed in the design of the junction of Upper Maudlin St and Colston Street. The removal of traffic signals and the associated advanced stop line for cyclists proceeding up Upper Maudlin St may increase the risk of cycles being 'left-hooked' here.

Cycle lanes

We are concerned that the screw-down bollards intended to demarcate cycle lanes are unlikely to be sufficiently robust. They appear too slender to offer much resistance to a straying lorry, for example. It seems likely that gaps will soon appear which will allow vehicles to park, blocking the cycle lanes. We would prefer to see well designed, properly segregated cycle lanes

Bus boarders and loading bay bypasses

We recognise that these bypasses are necessary to avoid forcing cyclists out into the road, but are concerned about safety. Good design is required to minimise conflicts between cyclists, pedestrians, bus passengers and delivery personnel.

We have seen examples elsewhere of busy bus stops with narrow cycle lanes bypassing them. Cyclists appear to speed up as the cycle lane narrows, increasing the risk of collision. This kind of bad design must be avoided.