

Brislington and Totterdown - Longer term changes - Option 2

Have your say - A4 Bath to Bristol

We've looked at many different proposals along the section of the A4 between Three Lamps junction in Totterdown and Emery Road in Brislington, including using the disused railway track between Callington Road and St Phillips Causeway as a new route.

These have been narrowed down to three preliminary concepts – one short term and two possible options in the longer term.

We're asking for your views and comments at a very early stage before we progress any further. **Nothing is decided at this stage.** The detail still needs to be assessed and is not fixed yet, we'd like your feedback on the overall ideas, rather than the details - which option you prefer, what you like, what you don't like, and why. Your feedback will shape what happens next.



Looking north on the A4 at Brislington Hill

Proposals in detail

- Between Three Lamps junction and Arnos Vale the A4 would largely remain unchanged, except for a short stretch of existing bus lane which would be converted to 24-hour bus lane. Buses, cyclists, through and local traffic would continue to share the road.
- Buses would divert off the main A4 at Arnos Vale joining the northern half of the old railway track via Sandy Park Road. This would become a bus-only highway until it re-joined the A4 at the northern part of the Eagle Road gyratory. From this point the A4 through Brislington would be converted into a route for buses with improvements for cycling and walking.
- Through traffic would travel along the existing A4 until just past the Lodekka pub, where it would be diverted into the southern half of the disused railway track as far as Callington Road. Drivers would re-join the A4 Bath Road at West Town Lane junction.
- Segregated cycle routes would be created along the length of the new route for through traffic (along the old railway), the existing A4 and new bus highway, as well as through Brislington village between the Eagle Road gyratory and West Town Lane junction.
- The way local traffic travel along part of the A4 would change:
- There would be no change for local traffic between Three Lamps junction and the Lodekka pub
- Brislington village would be closed to through traffic
- To reach local destinations south of the Lodekka pub, local traffic would continue to use the current A4 Bath Road from West Town Lane junction, but would need to turn around at the top of the Eagle Road gyratory
- There would also be a left-hand turn from Talbot Road East onto the new through-traffic route
- The A4 through Brislington village would be used exclusively for buses along with local traffic and cycling. This would be landscaped with more trees and plants and pavements would be wider, making it more pleasant to walk – and – if you use a wheelchair or mobility scooter – wheel.
- The eyesore footbridge over the A4 at Brislington Hill would be replaced with a street-level crossing, as requested by residents in our previous consultation.
- Changing the way that the road is used in Brislington – and by reducing the number of cars – would create more space that would allow new public areas to be developed such as outdoor café seating and small parklets. We would work with Bristol City Council to identify other possible improvements.
- We are also intending to make improvements at Arnos Vale and Victory parks – these could include planting a new woodland area, restoring steps and fences, and updating the children's play areas. Victory Park could also be extended.
- Car parking along the Bath Road in Totterdown (approximately between 190-284 Bath Road) might need to be removed. We would look into at providing alternatives for some car parking, including blue badge spaces
- In Brislington, it would no longer be possible to park in places where currently parking is allowed in bus lanes at off-peak times and weekends, such as opposite the Lodekka pub. We would look at providing alternative short-term parking and loading points

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Buses

Through traffic

Cycling and walking

Local traffic

All local residents, visitors and deliveries would still be able to access homes, shops and businesses by car but the route to get there may be different.

What could this mean?

- Buses would be quicker and more reliable
- Less traffic and better air quality along the route of the current A4 in Brislington
- Brislington village would be a nicer, more pleasant place to live, work and travel through
- Travelling by cycle would be transformed with continuous and separated cycle routes throughout the area
- Easier and safer to cross roads

But

- It would be noisier and busier for people who live near the route of the proposed new road – this will affect some residents of Callington Road, Eagle Road, Thierly Road and part of Talbot Road
- It would be slightly noisier for people who live near the route of the proposed bus highway – affecting some residents of Repton Road and the nearest ends of Sandholme, Churchill, Bloomfield and Whitby Roads
- There would be longer trips by car to reach local destinations – it would be less direct, but you could expect less traffic
- Fewer car parking spaces and more parking restrictions

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