

## **Redcliffe & Temple BID – Temple Way Crossing and Cycle Lane Consultation** **Response - March 2023**

### **Redcliffe & Temple BID**

The Redcliffe & Temple BID was established in June 2021. It will invest £4.5m in the Redcliffe and Temple area over the course of the first term.

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a defined geographical area where business rate payers vote on a business plan and agree to pay a levy into a fund for a fixed period to deliver it. Specific agreed initiatives are then delivered to improve the area for businesses.

The vision is for a Redcliffe and Temple area that is vibrant, thriving, sustainable, inspirational and welcoming. It operates with five strategic themes: Creating & maintaining quality spaces, Improving sustainability & the environment, Creating & promoting a vibrant place, Connecting & representing businesses, Building a safe & caring community.

The Business Plan is available here: [Business Plan - 2021 - 2025](#)

### **Consultation Response**

We support this proposal and would like to see it delivered as soon as possible.

We know from our consultations that our levy payers and their staff are keen to see improved facilities for those on foot and on a bike and this proposal offers a great opportunity to reduce some of the car domination and severance of Temple Way.

The addition of this cycle lane and pedestrian and cycling crossing will help this area improve its performance against the Healthy Streets indicators, a key metric for the BID. The ten Healthy Streets Indicators are as follows:

Everyone feels welcome, Easy to cross, Shade and shelter, Places to stop and rest, Not too noisy, People choose to walk and cycle, People feel safe, Things to see and do, People feel relaxed, Clean air.

We support the desire to plant three new street trees at this location and hope these trees will help to impact the challenges of heat resilience, shading canopies, flood mitigation and visual appeal. We are happy to coordinate watering of these trees during summer if needed.

For those that want to travel by bike, this proposal is a welcome addition to this currently harsh environment. The two-way cycle lane on the east-side of Temple Way will help make the journey from Broad Plain to Temple Meads safer and easier and we hope in time it will tie in with an extension to this cycle lane north of Broad Plain. This is a key route for the North-South link and connection between the key cycling (and walking) routes of Concorde Way, Frome Valley and Bristol to Bath Railway Path.



In terms of specific queries, echoing the Bristol Walking Alliance, it is unclear why the cycle crossing is a single stage crossing whilst the pedestrian crossing is a two-stage crossing?

We would also ask what sort of wait times are likely to cross at this location given it will only be possible when the lights go green for exiting Avon Street, a road with relatively few vehicle movements. We note that best practice is a maximum of 30 seconds for pedestrians to wait: [What makes people cross? Waiting more than 30 seconds for the green man | Living Streets](#)

We also signpost the queries from Bristol Cycling Campaign which refer to the Broad Plain Crossing, elephant footprints, give way line, waiting spaces and the tightness of the corners.

Finally, the size of the plot allocated for 'potential planting' looks very small – consideration will need to be made as to what is planted here and whether this is at ground level or raised above ground – it must also be included in a maintenance plan going forward.

### **Communications**

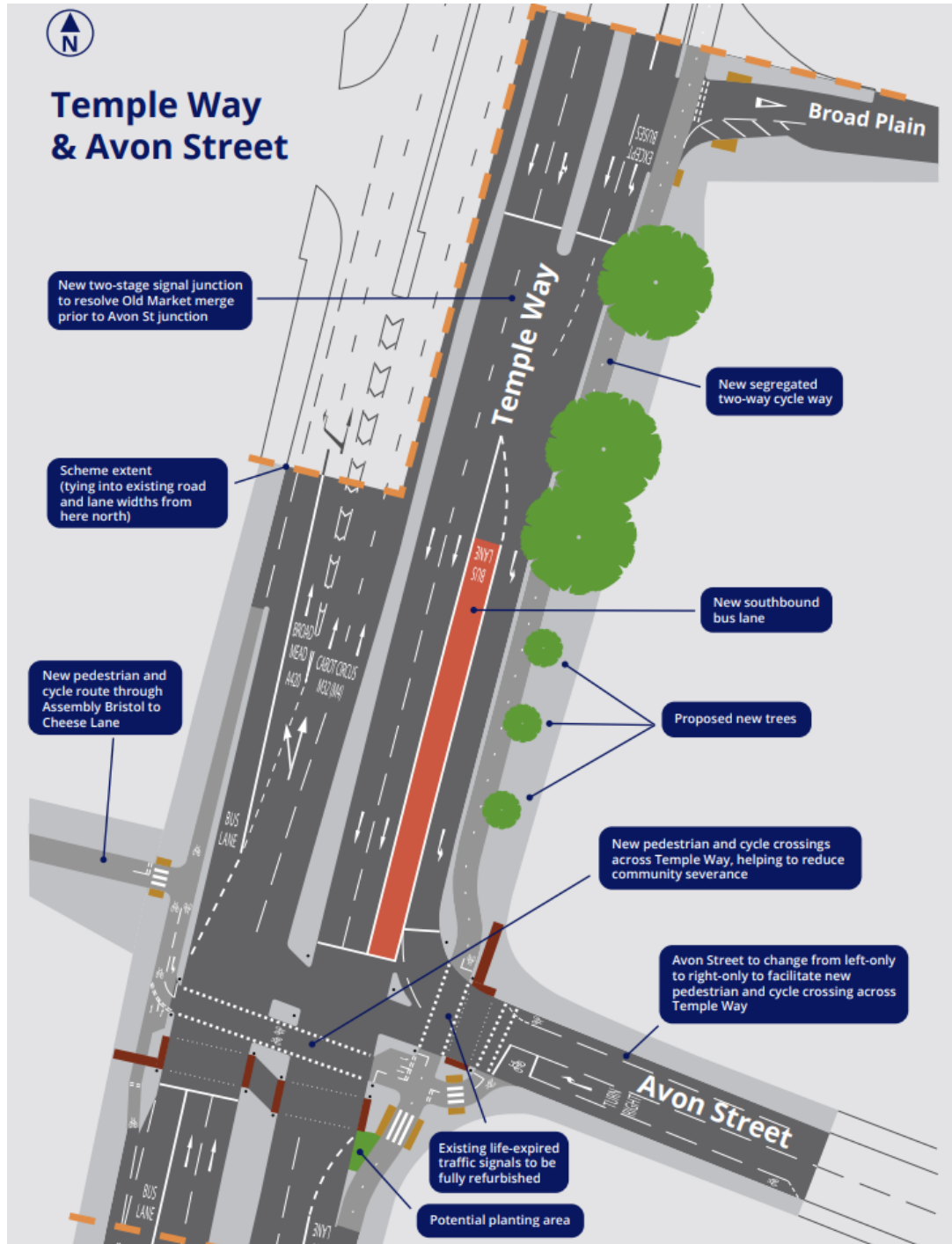
It would be good to consider improved ways of updating the public on projects such as the pontoon (now this Temple Way crossing) – at the time of writing there is nothing available for the public to read about the ceasing of the pontoon project and transition to this grade level crossing.

Businesses we have spoken to in the last six months were/are still expecting a pontoon to be built this summer and whilst the crossing proposal is a big improvement on the proposed pontoon, there is a significant delay.

Could a single webpage be created which contained a simple table with the progress of ~20 major transport projects in the city with their current status and timescales? This would enable stakeholders and the public to easily see how plans are progressing.

**A map of the proposal can be found on the page below:**





**End.**

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