
Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Current and upcoming transport consultations

Bath area forum

18 July 2023

City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement

Introduction

- B&NES is currently working in partnership with the West of England Combined Authority to deliver several transport schemes across the region
- Funded through the CRSTS
 - Funding of £540m secured in April 2022
 - Around £120m of this funding is for projects within B&NES



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City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement

Introduction

- Aims of the funding, as per our settlement agreement are to fund **capital infrastructure** that will:
 - Decarbonise transport;
 - Promote a shift from cars to public transport, walking, wheeling, and cycling;
 - Boost economic growth by improving the public transport and active travel opportunities
- The funding cannot be used to support revenue or fund bus services
 - We are working closely with the Combined Authority team to ensure what we are delivering infrastructure that will support bus services

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- Want to introduce two projects to the forum today

Somer Valley Links

Consultation – 26 June to 06 August



Focuses on travel into Bath from the south
A367 corridor from Somer Valley

Bristol to Bath strategic corridor

Consultation – planned for mid-August



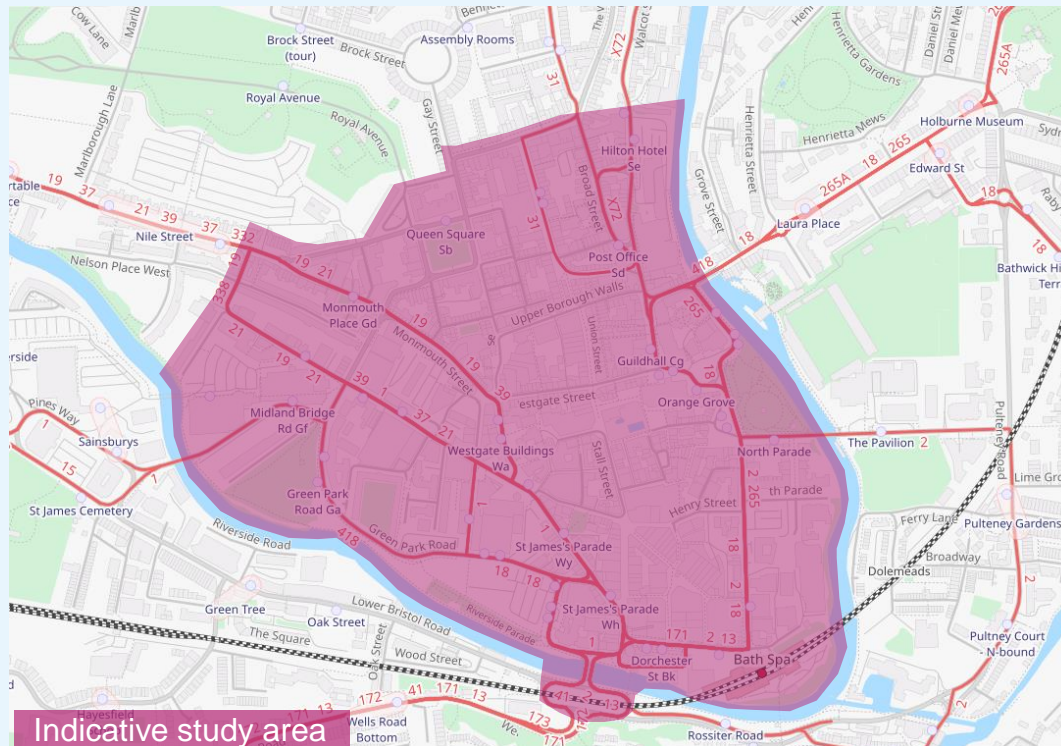
Focuses on travel into Bath from the west
A4 corridor from Saltford, Keynsham, Bristol

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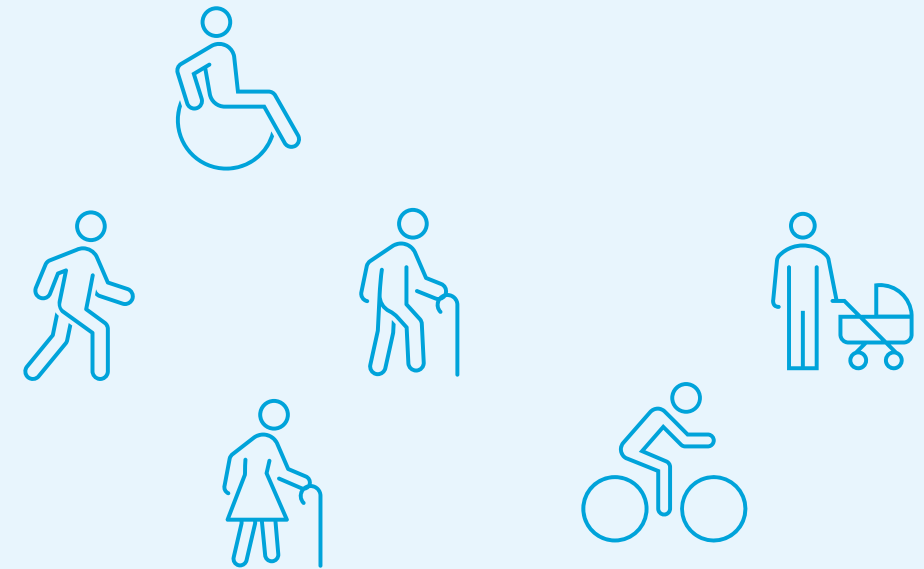
- Advance notice of engagement planned later this year (September or October)

Bath City Centre



Focuses on travel links within Bath – particularly in bus movements to the bus station

Bath Sustainable Walking & Cycling Links (BSWCL)



Focuses on the delivery of some key active travel corridor improvements in Bath

Somer Valley Links A37 / A362 / A367



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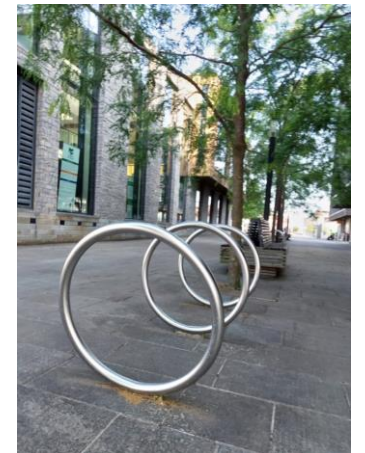
- Cars are heavily relied on by people for travel
- Has lead to significant congestion, particularly at the approaches to Bristol and Bath.
- Air pollution levels on some parts of the route currently exceed recommended national limits
- Somer Valley predicted to grow but current infrastructure won't be able to cope with this extra demand.
- If nothing is done, we will see poorer air quality, yet more carbon

Initial engagement

- First stage public engagement (Nov 2021 - Jan 2022)
- To understand from people who travel along the A37/A362/A367:
 - What transport issues are experienced
 - What improvements are needed
- 1,100 responses to the questionnaire and 22 suggestions in the interactive map
- The largest proportion of journeys & most regular journeys along the corridors are made by car (75%)

Project proposals

- Bus lanes and junction upgrades
- Walking, wheeling and cycling routes
- Bus stop upgrades
- Mobility hubs



Proposals within Bath

■ Buses

- Improvement to Odd Down roundabout and short section of bus lane
- Extension of bus lanes on Wellsway, and on Wells Road approach to Churchill gyratory
- Bus priority on approach to Churchill gyratory
- Bus stop upgrades: The Beeches, Devonshire Buildings, Oldfield Road

■ Walking, Wheeling, and Cycling

- Bi-directional cycle lane on Wellsway (Midford Road to Hatfield Road), with opportunities to connect to existing (Two Tunnels) and proposed (e.g. Scholars Way) infrastructure

■ Mobility Hubs

- Bear Flat - better, local interchange, and associated infrastructure to improve walking/wheeling (e.g. continuous footways)
- Odd Down - additional facilities for interchange

These are proposals: all subject to transport and junction modelling, data analysis, cost-benefit assessment, consultation feedback, environmental assessments.

Next steps

After this consultation
Feedback used to start
next phase of
development

During 2024
Refine proposals
Consultation

End of 2025*
Start construction

Bristol to Bath Strategic Corridor



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- The A4 between Bristol and Bath is a critical route, connecting local communities and connecting communities from elsewhere in the region to our major cities.
- There is a large reliance upon cars along the A4 and it is frequently heavily congested
- Much of the corridor has air quality issues
- Opportunities for walking and cycling are limited - most of the A4 has no off-road cycle path
- Both Brislington and Newbridge Park and Rides were oversubscribed (pre-COVID-19)
- It can take over 30 mins to get to a bus stop and then bus journeys into either city centre can take up to 50 minutes

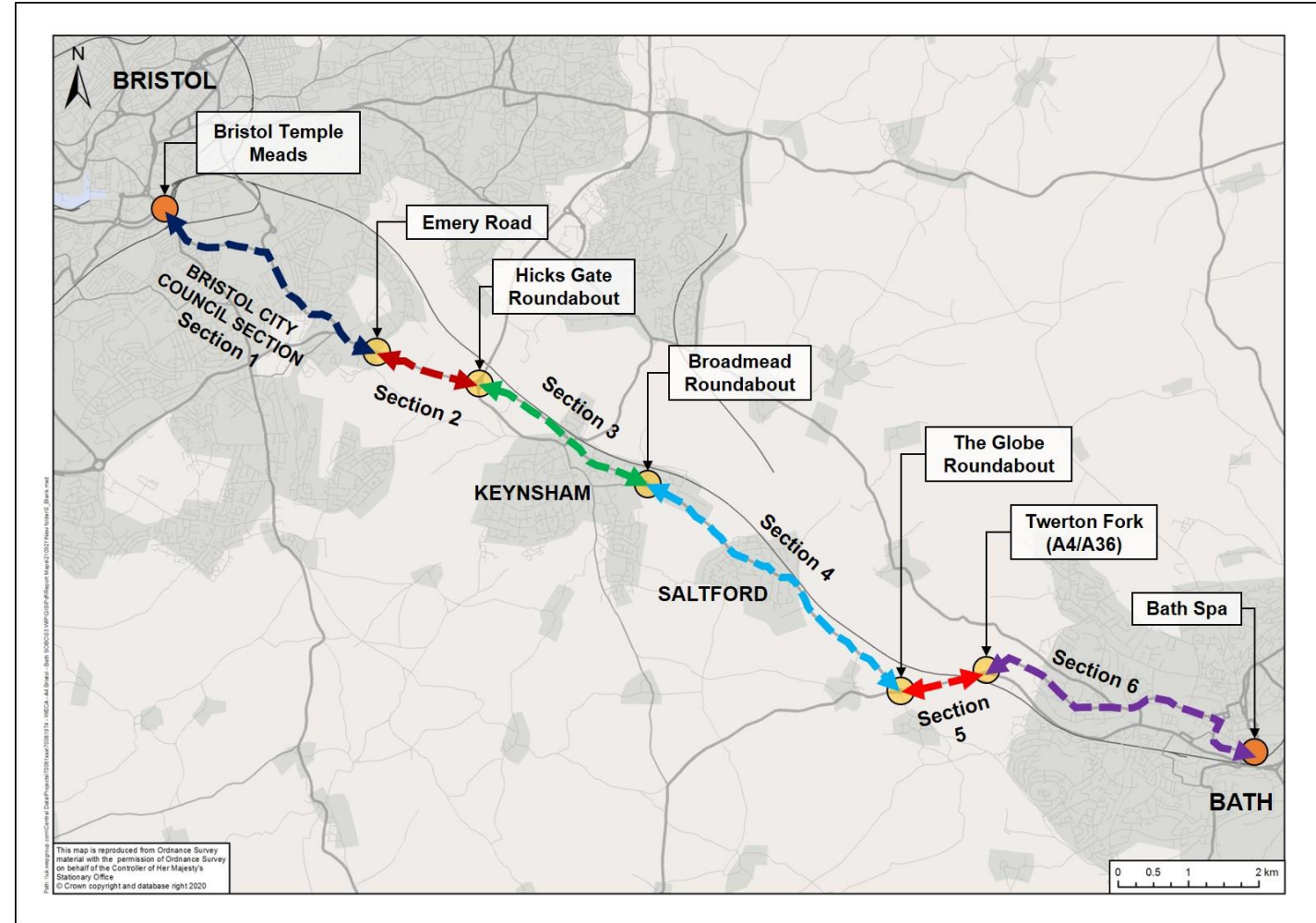
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- Route divided into 5 sections in B&NES
 - Section 2 - Emery Road - Hicks Gate roundabout
 - Section 3 - Hicks Gate - Broadmead roundabout
 - Section 4 - Broadmead - Globe roundabout
 - Section 5 - Globe to Newbridge Park & Ride
 - Section 6 - Newbridge P&R - Bath city centre



Public engagement

■ Consultation

- More details on the proposals and their impacts will be shared at consultation
- Current planned start date of w/c 14 August - running for 6 weeks
- Will use the same 'hub' website as the Somer Valley Links consultation - <https://haveyoursaywest.co.uk>

■ Planning to

- hold webinar Q&A session
- Several drop-in events throughout the corridor during September

Thank you