



Water Space Study

Public Call for Ideas Report: Summary of Responses

September - October 2016

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Introduction

As part of the public engagement on the WaterSpace Study a formal call for ideas from the public and stakeholders was held in September – October 2016.

The Call for Ideas was advertised in the local press, via social media (of all partner organisations), via our website and via direct mailouts using the newsletter and waterways consultation database (emailed to approx. 1000 consultees). Postcards were also distributed throughout the study area and placed in café, restaurants, pubs and sports clubs etc in close proximity to the River and Canal.

Many submissions contacted more than one idea or concept, 20 formal submissions were made and around 70 ideas were submitted.

Summary of Responses

Project Idea Ref.	Respondent	Project Idea	Comment
Project A	Adam Reynolds Cycle Bath	Halfpenny Bridge Cycle Ambition Project; Proposal for a new cycle bridge link at the rear of Bath Rail Station, which photomontages and prescedent ideas.	Project not included at the current time, by agreement of the partners, in that it was not a project that the partners could add value to (additional transport input would be helpful but this did not make up part of the project team). This project will be considered further as part of assessing potential strategic transport projects.
Project B	Richard Ellam Kayak/Canoeist	Modest investment to make improvements for kayakers and canoeists. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canoe put-in points on both Canal and River - Launch and landing around weirs - Make the waterways Paddle friendly 	Suggested focus for these projects at Saltford. Entrance at locks and wiers considered to potentially be in conflict with larger craft and safety concerns flagged from Environment Agency re proximity of canoe and kayaks to weirs, these should be avoided.
Project C	Cadi Cadlow	Provide serviced moorings.	Suggested mooring locations and the need for enhanced facilities identified in the Study.
Project D	Louisa Van Zalinge, Andrews Estate Agents	Small boat landings at the end of private gardens should be encouraged.	Not included as a specific project, but commentary added to moorings section of the study, to state that this is permissible



			where there is a riparian owner.
Project E	Charles McLaughlin	Provide moorings to rent on Council owned land.	Suggested mooring locations and the need for enhanced facilities identified in the Study.
Project F	Widcombe Association	<p>A number of ideas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase access for recreation, mooring and navigation (including Pulteney Moorings being re-opened). - Increase regularisation of moorings e.g. at the rear of the train station - Secure s106 from new development and avoid the backs of restaurants and café etc facing the river. - Utilised the Bath PRMS integrating the river into the spatial structure of the city. - Consistent design of street furniture with ref to the Pattern Book. - Map and survey areas important for conservation, provide floating habitats and wildlife refuges, including vertical habitats, re-wild banks to increase biodiversity. Actively manage trees and create green links. Encourage reed and sedge beds. - Encourage more green volunteering and use by schools. - Improve wayfinding and signage from city centre to river and canal. - Improve footpaths and cycle-path surfaces. - Improve boundaries to river edge and aesthetics including abandoned boats, graffiti, broken fencing etc. - Modify visual impacts of piling. - Consistent wayfinding and signage. - Encourage greater recreation uses including walking loops, café, pubs and boat access - Reinforce pedestrian priority on towpaths - Improve balancing pond behind Widcombe Social Club 	<p>Pulteney area included in the Study, and more detailed feasibility currently underway.</p> <p>Management issues in relation to private land not covered in depth as this is not an issue that the partners can resolve. However, work to flag these up to river safety experts and landowners is ongoing.</p> <p>Many mentions of PRMS included in the Study, including opportunities for enhanced connectivity.</p> <p>Wilding the River Project included – with reference s to opportunities in Widcombe.</p> <p>Friends of the River Avon Park project included to support green volunteering, and maintenance and management.</p> <p>Footpath and surface improvements highlighted, with some specific target areas highlighted.</p> <p>Wayfinding and signage included.</p> <p>Recreational uses included – various ideas from water based to café and commercial moorings etc.</p> <p>Various options have been scoped out for inclusion – see specific project.</p>
Project G	John E S Webb	Volunteer project to undertake vegetation management utilising a workboat.	Included as a project idea.
Project H	Mac Sparrow	Concept for a Charity Dragon Boat Race in central Bath – looking for suitable locations.	Dragonboat race to be held in September 2017 starting at the scoop at Bath Western Riverside – events team and CRT business boating team providing technical support.



			The starting point is suggested as a focus for future water based events such as this.
Project I	Trevor Clarke	Proposal for a B&NES Workboat for use by waterways volunteers, including photos.	Included as a project idea.
Project J	John E S Webb	Dundas Wharf Up-grade project	Included as a project idea.
Project K	John E S Webb	Small Make a Difference – Volunteer Lead Projects for 2 stretches of the River Avon in Central Bath	Included as a project idea- full detail sits behind this of 40 specific projects, only a high level summary included in the Study.
Project L	University of Bath	Inland Waterways UK Young Water Professionals Conference, 2017 to be hosted by University of Bath – opportunities for various groups to get involved.	WaterSpace team now working with the University and Wessex Water to integrate this.
Project M	Derrick Hunt	Somerset Coal Canal – proposal to re-open	Included as a project idea.
Project N	John E S Webb	Management Ideas for Pulteney Moorings	Current project underway to review feasibility in more detail.
Project O	Glenn Pope	Safe Mooring Practice	Current project underway to review feasibility in more detail.
Project P	Robert Delius	Waters of Bath	Not included due to late submission, but there is an opportunity to review to include in the final version.
Project Q	Adrian Tuddenham	Somersetshire Coal Canal	Included as a project idea.
Project R	Derrick Hunt	Rowing Locksbrook to Saltford Weir	Included as a river taxi project and slipway for canoes suggested for Saltford.
Project S	Steve Osgood	Widcombe Lock Top Pound	Not included – but potential to review as part of Sydney Gardens HLF Bid.
Project T	John Flinn	Pulteney Moorings – Bath Rugby	Included as a project idea, that a bridge to bridge solution should be sought.

Submissions can be viewed on request, some are hard copy and others electronic, and personal details will need to be redacted.

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