



SECURITY FEARS OVER CYCLE PATH...

Worried local residents in REPTON ROAD contacted JACKIE over security fears if a new cycle path gets the go-ahead.

The proposed path would run behind the houses along the old railway line between Sainsburys and Tesco. It would be built with money awarded to Bristol as a "Cycling City."

Council officers told **JACKIE** that plans are at an early stage. They are still talking to landowners along the route. Once plans have been drawn up, the City will run a full consultation during the summer.

This will address the issue of security for residents who would have the cycle path running past the bottom of their back gardens.

JACKIE said *"Bristol needs more cycle paths, but the Council must address properly the concerns expressed by local residents."*



...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LINK ROAD PLAN?

Some years ago **PETER** and **JACKIE** organised petitions against plans to build a link road along the old railway.

The scheme was shelved by the Greater Bristol Transport Study - but now it has been resurrected as a possible transport link for buses.

Council officers are doing preliminary work to ascertain wildlife habitats and assess the need for work to be carried out on various bridges along the route.

Again, the City has assured **PETER** that local residents and the wider community will be consulted fully within the next 12 months.

PETER said *"Action is needed to try and sort out Brislington's traffic problems, but we will make every effort to ensure that the interests of local people are protected."*

Wicklea - the fight goes on

The Brislington Community Partnership is fighting to secure the long term future of Wicklea Youth and Community Centre.

Since Bristol City Council pulled out of the Centre a few years ago, various organisations have expressed interest in the building.

The latest body to throw its hat into the ring is the Centre's near neighbour, Brooklea Health Centre.

JACKIE said *"Wicklea is a vital community asset. I will work hard to support the Partnership in its efforts to keep it that way."*

What happened to our post box?

Residents living in the FAIRWAY/WEST TOWN LANE area were dismayed when their post box disappeared.

It had been set in a garden wall which was demolished. When the wall was rebuilt, the post box was carted away!

Originally, Royal Mail told people who complained that they'd have to walk all the way - uphill - to the next post box at the West Town Lane shops.

JACKIE told the Royal Mail Collections Manager that this was not practical for older residents. A new freestanding post box has now been installed at the end of Fairway. After some delay, the sign showing collection times was finally attached.



Walkabout could help YOUR area



Over the last few months **PETER** and **JACKIE** have joined in walkabouts in several streets around Brislington West with local Police, PCSOs and some Council officers.

They've been talking to local residents about issues concerning them in their own immediate neighbourhoods. The Police and the Council then deal with the problems raised.

So far there have been walkabouts in the **SUTTON ESTATE, HUNGERFORD ROAD, BLOOMFIELD ROAD, EDWARD ROAD** and **CHATSWORTH ROAD**. If you and your neighbours have concerns in your area and think a walkabout would be useful, please let us know.

In brief...

*Council officers are to meet with local people near the redesigned junction at **BATH ROAD/WEST TOWN LANE**, after complaints about traffic light phasing and safety issues. **PETER** and **JACKIE** will attend and will seek to ensure that all the issues raised by residents are properly addressed.*

Cash boost for Arno's Park

The Bristol Play Pathfinder investment programme is to grant a five-figure sum to improve and redevelop the children's play area in **ARNO'S PARK**.

It's a condition of the programme that the money must be spent on facilities targeting the 8-13 year olds.

After a consultation process, a landscape architect will produce a sketch design of the park for further consultation with bodies including the Arno's Park Action group.

If all goes according to plan, work could be carried out by December 2009 or January 2010.

■ **Interested in Arno's Park Action Group? Go to www.arnospark.org.uk**

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