

# Harbour Hopes

Results and Bristol City Council response to the  
consultation on the draft vision for Western Harbour

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# Harbour Hopes: A vision for Western Harbour

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## About the vision for Western Harbour

An extensive [programme of public engagement](#) was carried out from September to December 2021, as the start of a citywide conversation to shape the vision for Bristol's Western Harbour. Engagement activities included online listening sessions, creative workshops, online maps, and a month-long exhibition in the Create Centre.

Feedback from the engagement helped to shape a [draft vision document](#). This sets out key commitments that will inspire and guide the transformation of Western Harbour as it changes in the future and will be used to underpin the masterplanning process, which will start later this year.

## About the consultation on the draft vision for Western Harbour

The consultation on the draft vision for Western Harbour was open for six weeks from 11 March to 22 April 2022.

The purpose of the consultation was to gain public feedback on the draft vision to help refine a final version before it is taken to Bristol City Council's cabinet to be considered.

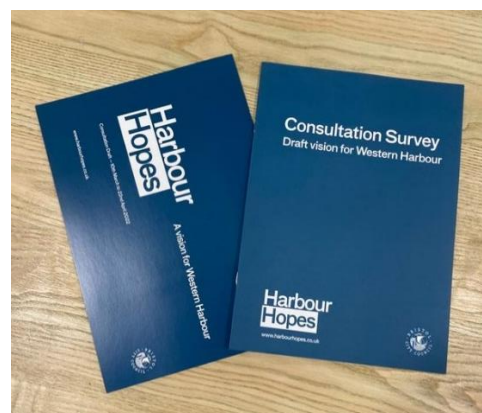
The consultation consisted of:

- 24 multiple choice questions to find out how far people supported the different commitments outlined the vision, and one multiple choice question to ascertain support for the vision overall. The multiple-choice options were as follows: 'Strongly agree', 'Agree', 'Neither agree nor disagree', 'Disagree' and 'Strongly disagree'. Those who did not answer a question were counted as 'Not Answered'.
- One free text box for people to provide further comments.
- An 'About you' section, based on the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010. This was included to help us ensure that no one is discriminated against unlawfully and will help us to identify if people in different locations or circumstances have different views.

The consultation was hosted online with paper copies available and promoted through:

- Hard copies of the draft vision, engagement report and consultation survey being available at Central Library, Bedminster Library and Clifton Libraries – along with posters and a large banner displayed in the entrance of Central Library.
  - A mini exhibition at the Create Centre with hard copies of the draft vision, engagement report and consultation survey available.
  - A poster advertising the consultation – hard copies were given to local community groups and distributed around the Western Harbour project area. A digital version of the poster was also sent to community groups including a request to distribute.
  - Email to the Harbour Hopes mailing list (those who subscribed through the website).
  - Email to the Western Harbour general mailing list.
  - A hard copy of the draft vision and consultation survey was sent to all households on Ashton Avenue – these households were also offered an individual meeting.
  - A press release.
  - Social media including targeted Facebook posts and weekly Instagram posts.
  - The Bristol City Council and Harbour Hopes websites.
- Presentations given to the Western Harbour Advisory Group, Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group, Bristol Civic Society and Harbourside Forum, with requests to encourage engagement with the consultation.**

*The Harbour Hopes mini exhibition, printed draft vision document and consultation survey.*





## Results of the consultation

The results of both the multiple-choice questions and a summary of the main themes from people's comments are detailed below. Emails and submissions have been included in the comments sections.

There were 786 responses to the consultation survey in total. Of these, 620 returned comments in the 'free text' box at the end of the survey.

### Quantitative (multiple choice) responses

The percentages of respondents who agreed / disagreed etc are listed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 - percentages of respondents who agreed / disagreed with questions in the survey**

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Strongly agree + agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree + strongly disagree</b>	<b>Not answered</b>
<b>Celebrate Heritage</b>	74%	11%	11%	5%
<b>Safeguard Treasured Assets</b>	73%	10%	12%	5%
<b>Build-in Sustainable Drainage</b>	72%	12%	10%	6%
<b>Celebrate the Waterfront</b>	72%	11%	12%	6%
<b>Have Character</b>	71%	13%	11%	4%
<b>Feel Safe</b>	70%	15%	10%	5%
<b>Run on Green Energy</b>	70%	15%	10%	6%
<b>Nature</b>	70%	12%	12%	6%
<b>Increase Biodiversity</b>	69%	14%	12%	5%
<b>Provide Vantage Points</b>	66%	15%	12%	6%
<b>Promote Recreation</b>	66%	15%	13%	6%
<b>Welcome to all</b>	65%	16%	13%	5%
<b>Support Community</b>	64%	18%	13%	5%
<b>Achieve Net-Zero</b>	63%	18%	13%	5%
<b>Connect to River Avon</b>	62%	20%	11%	6%

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Strongly agree + agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree + strongly disagree</b>	<b>Not answered</b>
<b>Escape the bustle</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Integrate Resilience</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Encourage Culture</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Reduce Local Traffic</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Welcome Visitors</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Create Connections</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Tackle Challenges</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Support Enterprise</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Do you agree or disagree with this vision</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Provide Quality Homes</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>5%</b>

The quantitative results show the commitments to ‘Celebrate Heritage’, ‘Safeguard Treasured Assets’, ‘Build-in Sustainable Drainage’, ‘Celebrate the Waterfront’, and to ‘Have Character’ received the most agreement amongst respondents. ‘Provide Quality Homes’ received the least agreement - 47% of respondents who ‘Strongly Agreed’ or ‘Agreed’ and 27% ‘Strongly disagreed’ or ‘Disagreed’. 48% of respondents ‘Strongly agreed’ or ‘Agreed’ with the vision overall and 25% ‘Strongly disagreed’ or ‘disagreed’.

### **Qualitative responses**

The information in the table below details the nature of comments received and the number of comments under each theme. Please note some comments fell under more than one theme - this is reflected in the information below.

**Table 2 – Free-text comments and the number of comments under each theme**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>No. of comment s</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>No. of comment s</b>
<b>Overall Project - positive</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Flooding</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Overall Project - negative</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>The road is fine / concern about road changes</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Averse to change / development</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Pro road changes</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Survey design</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Reducing car use / traffic / reducing road space</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Future Project / Consultation</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Vision descriptive / difficult to disagree with</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Connections / Traffic management</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Contradictions / unrealistic</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Active travel / public transport</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Lack of detail</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>The Name</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Gateway / Welcome</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Housing/Building</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Culture / Art</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Building Height</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Sport / Recreation</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Views</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Nature</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>Local institutions</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Energy and Climate</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tranquillity</b>	<b>15</b>		

## Results - including Bristol City Council responses and amendments to the vision

Each commitment in the draft vision has been listed below, alongside the quantitative survey results and any qualitative information that relates to the commitment.

Bristol City Council's response and any amendments being made to draft vision because of the findings are also included under each commitment.

### Theme: Western Harbour will be a distinctive gateway to Bristol

#### *Commitment: Welcome Visitors*

Survey results (number of responses: 750. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 57%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 22%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 17%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment  
'Welcome Visitors':

Gateway / Welcome	13 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 'Gateway' should mean a welcoming and attractive gateway, focussing on the area's heritage, natural features, and facilities – rather than big roads, high buildings and loss of greenspace. It should not be a gateway for cars but for boats, cycles, etc.</li> <li>– In the past this has been an important area of the city and it would be good to pay more attention to it – too many gateways are neglected.</li> <li>– Fears that the term 'gateway' will really mean an oversized development.</li> <li>– The area should be a place to stop, not just to pass through – a place for locals, not just visitors.</li> <li>– The area stops being a gateway if river / road traffic is diminished.</li> <li>– If Western Harbour is to become a 'gateway' this will attract more visitors, with resultant traffic and pressure on the area.</li> <li>– Visitors will come anyway given proximity to the Harbour, Clifton, and Ashton Court.</li> <li>– Creating an area for residents is different from creating an area for visitors – how will these be reconciled. This is especially the case in relation to peace and tranquillity, feeling that visitors would spoil peace for residents.</li> <li>– 'Welcome visitors' appears to duplicate the commitment to be 'Welcome to all'.</li> <li>– Support of Western Harbour being a destination for Bristol residents.</li> </ul>	

**Bristol City Council response:**

It is noted that although the commitment to 'Welcome Visitors' did not receive as much agreement as other commitments, over 50% of respondents agreed with the statement. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to the vision:

- In response to comments noting that the area is a working harbour this commitment will be amended to include 'from land and water' to stress the importance of the water in the area.
- The similarities between the titles 'Welcome Visitors' and 'Welcome to All' could cause confusion. In response to this, the commitment 'Welcome Visitors' will be given the heading 'Welcome to All', while 'Welcome to All' will be changed to 'Inclusive Places' to better reflect the content of each commitment.

### Commitment: Reduce Local Traffic

Survey results (number of responses: 752. 4% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 57%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 19%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 20%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Reduce Local Traffic':

Reducing car use / traffic / reducing road space	78 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Many did not want more / bigger roads.</li><li>– That the current road system feels unsafe and causes severance.</li><li>– The Portway is particularly noisy, this noise is amplified by the Gorge. Traffic noise takes away from the tranquillity of the area.</li><li>– That Western Harbour is a 'tangled mess of roads'. Call for the entire removal of the 1960s road network.</li><li>– Several comments call for significantly reduced traffic. To reduce traffic going through the area / making it harder to come into Bristol by car in the first instance. For some, through traffic was seen as more of an issue than local traffic. Some called for a new route outside of the area to cut all through traffic. Others questioned where non-local traffic would go if eliminated from the area. Questions around what will happen to airport traffic if the road is changed, calls for better alternative routes to be provided.</li><li>– That traffic should be kept away from residential areas.</li><li>– This area should be taken in the context of a city wide / regional traffic plan, with fears that if traffic flow is not handled well this will put strain on surrounding roads.</li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The wider Clean Air Zone should be considered – note in particular that the area may be used as an alternative route when blockages occur on the M5 occur.</li> <li>– If car use is to be reduced alternatives have to be provided, such as park and rides / better public transport.</li> <li>– If roads are to be reduced this needs to go hand in hand with a decrease in car ownership.</li> <li>– Speed limits should be reduced to 20mph to make the roads safer and quieter.</li> <li>– Comment that less traffic equates to fewer people visiting – if few people visit there would be no need to improve the area for visitors.</li> </ul>	
<b>Connections / Traffic management</b>	<b>30 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This is a key route between South and North Bristol and, as such, traffic needs to be maintained.</li> <li>– Fears that those in South Bristol will be isolated if the road is changed, especially with the introduction of the Clean Air Zone.</li> <li>– That if the area is kept low-residential this will help mitigate against traffic in the area.</li> <li>– Comment that people will still drive, but this will take longer if roads are made smaller/cut, leading to more fuel consumptive journeys.</li> <li>– That car use should be accommodated within the plans rather than penalised.</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>17 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerns that reducing car use will disproportionately affect older people / those with disabilities – including those with mobility issues who are not formally registered as disabled. This is exacerbated as roads in the area are very steep for walking / cycling.</li> <li>– Concerns that reducing car use in the area will impact on carers.</li> <li>– That cars are necessary for those who need to bring kit with them, e.g., volunteers working on heritage assets or water users.</li> <li>– Given the lack of local shops, cars are necessary for day-to-day shopping.</li> <li>– Cycling is not a panacea and needs to be supported by other modes of transport. However, public transport is not good enough to replace car journeys as it stands. Not everyone can use active / public transport.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Many raised the issue of the Clean Air Zone saying that this would make getting to the harbour and into central Bristol more difficult for them.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parking</b>	<b>11 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Comments very split on the issue of parking.</li> <li>– Some felt that without plentiful parking spaces, those with accessibility issues, e.g., elderly, those with disabilities or those who need to bring kit (heritage volunteers, water users) could be severely compromised.</li> <li>– That parking is already extremely difficult, especially on match days. Fears that adding to the housing in the area will exacerbate this. Fears that this will lead to antisocial parking. Comment from one person against paying to park at leisure spots, saying that it penalises healthy lifestyles.</li> <li>– Advocate for electric vehicle parking.</li> <li>– Several calls to 'eliminate parking' and warnings against pandering to car culture.</li> </ul>	

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

It is noted that the commitment to 'Reduce Local Traffic' received less agreement than other commitments. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

The vision is intended to act as a guide for future creators, citizens and champions of Western Harbour and the city, and as such does not explicitly mention the need for significant investment in the road network or issues such as parking, etc. The masterplan will need to fully consider this, along with the impact of the traffic through and to the area.

The findings will also be shared with colleagues in the Transport team who are dealing with the implementation of the Clean Air Zone and other public transport improvement measures.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**



- Amend the introduction to include a page on the status of the vision, transport, housing (with reference to the Local Plan), flooding issues and the commitment to future consultation.
- In response to the comments about accessibility in the area, the commitment 'Welcome Visitors will be given the heading 'Welcome to All' – while 'Welcome to All' will be changed to 'Inclusive Places' to strengthen the commitment that the area is inclusive of all, including those who are less able to cycle / walk.

### ***Commitment: Create Connections***

Survey results (number of responses: 748. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 56%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 25%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 14%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Create Connections':

The road is fine / concern about road changes	79 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That the existing road layout works well as it is – altering the existing road system is unnecessary.</li> <li>– The bridge should be maintained only / repaired. Advocates for simplifying the existing road network instead of building new roads.</li> <li>– The existing road system has heritage value as a complete brutalist structure.</li> <li>– Some liked the elevated nature of the existing road system as it separates cars from pedestrian routes. That tranquillity is created by the flyover – that having lots of roads stops there being development in the area.</li> <li>– That it will cost more to put in a new road rather than replacing the existing road.</li> <li>– That new roads will have a negative environmental impact, impact on noise, etc. Comment that building new roads goes against the environmental spirit of the vision.</li> <li>– Fears over how a new bridge would work within the context of a working harbour, which needs to allow access/egress for tall ships.</li> <li>– That new bridges could compromise views, particularly of the Clifton Suspension Bridge.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That changing the road layout and providing new housing, etc goes beyond a perceived remit of merely fixing the bridge.</li> <li>– Anticipation of disruption in the area. Fears that changes will cause disruption to traffic in the short term, especially for local residents.</li> <li>– Fears that new residents and visitors (especially if the area is to be 'welcoming' and 'a gateway') would put strain on the road network, increasing traffic and the need for parking.</li> <li>– That a new road network would compromise places like the Pump House, Nova Scotia, or Riverside Garden Centre.</li> <li>– That a new road will affect the area's character generally.</li> <li>– That a new road will compromise green space in the area.</li> <li>– That other road layouts will sever communities, especially the 'Eastern Option' running near Underfall Yard.</li> </ul>	
<b>Pro road changes</b>	<b>16 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Comments that are positive towards changing the road network, especially if the road network can be simplified to make it less intrusive, 'ugly', overbearing, polluting, etc.</li> <li>– That the road is extremely busy during rush hour, calls to calm this.</li> <li>– That the road needs to be made safer.</li> <li>– Calls for a new / repaired road system, which reduces air and noise pollution.</li> <li>– That the current road system supports unsustainable car journeys.</li> <li>– That a new bridge should be chosen through an international bridge design competition.</li> <li>– Some want a tunnel to be built – this would best enhance the natural and heritage environment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Active travel / public transport</b>	<b>64 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Many comments called for pedestrians / cyclists to be prioritised, with improvements to public transport – including cycle / bus routes coming into the city from further afield, so that people visiting Bristol / the area stop driving.</li> <li>– Public transport should be affordable.</li> <li>– Routes need to be better joined up and integrate into the surrounding area, e.g., they should create better walking and cycling links with Avon Gorge.</li> <li>– The area should be made more legible / easier to find your way around.</li> </ul>	

- Providing for better pedestrian / cycle access will help create healthier neighbourhoods.
- That a focus on active travel would make it a safer area.
- That cyclists should be separated from pedestrians on safety grounds.
- That development would spoil the current pleasantness of walking for leisure in the area, e.g., 'doing a loop of the harbour'. Call for the creation of a 'Bristol Boulevard'.
- That part of what makes it nice to walk around the area is the green space and heritage.
- Calls for a new ferry landing stage and to encourage ferry use, calls for a waterbus.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

It is noted that the commitment to 'Create Connections' received less agreement than other commitments. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

The vision will not define the solution for the future road layout / provision of active and public transport. The masterplan will need to fully consider this.

#### **Amendments to vision:**

Amend the introduction to include a page on the status of the vision, transport, housing (with reference to the Local Plan), flooding issues and the commitment to future consultation.

#### ***Commitment: Celebrate Heritage***

Survey results (number of responses: 749. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 74%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 11%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 11%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Celebrate Heritage':

Heritage	47 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Call to safeguard the sense of heritage / the history of the place. Fears that change will ruin the character of the area. Fears that changes will sanitise an area which 'still shows its history'. Many enjoy the 'haphazard' 'utilitarian' feel.</li> <li>– Others glad that commitments around heritage have been made.</li> <li>– Calls to look at other harbours which have celebrated culture / heritage.</li> <li>– Some think that more could be made of history of the area (and wider harbour) for tourism. Thoughts that these could be better connected.</li> <li>– Calls to get heritage assets in the area working, to include restoration and ongoing care of the Swivel bridge, Replica bridge, Brunel's Lock and Harbour Railway in the masterplan.</li> <li>– That currently volunteers are relied on to keep the area's heritage safe.</li> <li>– Call to retain the Plimsol swing bridge as a 'prime example of 1960s road building'.</li> <li>– That the history of the area is not understood in the vision, especially Sylvia Crowe's landscape.</li> <li>– Comment that welcomes the recognition of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Sylvia Crowe's contribution to the area.</li> <li>– That the history of slave traders in this area should be recognised, factor in restitution.</li> <li>– What will happen to heritage boat building in the area?</li> <li>– Several enjoy the heritage when walking around the harbour. A good example of the 'working history' of the docks.</li> <li>– Use the council's involvement restoring Underfall Yard as a guide to this area.</li> <li>– That building on the heritage and character is best done with the communities.</li> <li>– Calls for a central, modernised hub for the archives. That Create Centre and Records Office both promote and host local history talks and exhibitions are creative and cultural hubs.</li> <li>– Several calls to restore the Harbour Railway and bring it up to A Bond – that this would create a 'heritage link' between areas which could relieve pressure on the road network.</li> </ul>	

### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of survey agreement for the commitment 'Celebrate Heritage' and the comments relating to this have been noted.

As part of the next stage of work, the council will commission Historic England to undertake a review and assessment of the listed structures in the Western Harbour project area and identify others that may be suitable for listing.

This, along with the detailed responses given will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to vision:

- Strengthen 'Celebrate Heritage' to make more reference to the historic landscape and the historic dock assets. Include reference to the Bonded warehouses remaining the dominant built structures within the landscape.

### *Commitment: Have Character*

Survey results (number of responses: 751. 4% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 71%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 13%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 11%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Have Character':

Views	48 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– That views give the area its 'wow factor'. Views given particular mention are Clifton Suspension Bridge, Avon Gorge, Ashton Court, terraces in Hotwells/Clifton, other parts of the city including the view of Dundry Hill from Clifton Suspension Bridge.</li><li>– Fear that building height could impinge on the dominance of the Bonded Warehouses.</li><li>– Fear that 'open vistas' will be lost.</li></ul>	

- That preserving long views is important – this applies to views both to and from the area. That tall buildings / a new road will impinge on this.
- Fear that there will be a solitary viewing platform to look at Clifton Suspension Bridge, without due regard paid to incidental views in the area.
- Maintain the view of activity on the water.

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- Call to safeguard the sense of heritage / the history of the place. Fears that change will ruin the character of the area. Fears that changes will sanitise an area which 'still shows its history'. Many enjoy the 'haphazard' 'utilitarian' feel.
- Others glad that commitments around heritage have been made.
- Calls to look at other harbours which have celebrated culture / heritage.
- Some think that more could be made of history of the area (and wider harbour) for tourism. Thoughts that these could be better connected.
- Calls to get heritage assets in the area working, to include restoration and ongoing care of the Swivel bridge, Replica bridge, Brunel's Lock and Harbour Railway in the masterplan.
- That currently volunteers are relied on to keep the area's heritage safe.
- Call to retain the Plimsol swing bridge as a 'prime example of 1960s road building'.
- That the history of the area is not understood in the vision, especially Sylvia Crowe's landscape.
- Comment that welcomes the recognition of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Sylvia Crowe's contribution to the area.
- That the history of slave traders in this area should be recognised, factor in restitution.
- What will happen to heritage boat building in the area?
- Several enjoy the heritage when walking around the harbour. A good example of the 'working history' of the docks.
- Use the council's involvement restoring Underfall Yard as a guide to this area.
- That building on the heritage and character is best done with the communities.

- Calls for a central, modernised hub for the archives. That Create Centre and Records Office both promote and host local history talks and exhibitions are creative and cultural hubs.
- Several calls to restore the Harbour Railway and bring it up to A Bond – that this would create a 'heritage link' between areas which could relieve pressure on the road network.

#### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of agreement in the consultation survey for the commitment to 'Have Character' is welcomed. This feedback, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### Amendments to vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### *Commitment: Encourage Culture*

Survey results (number of responses: 748. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 60%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 21%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 14%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Encourage Culture':

Culture / Art	9 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Comments in support of the cultural hub. One comment noted the lack of mid-size performance / dance space and rehearsal rooms in Bristol. Suggestion of a digital arts facility / museum (e.g., Team Lab Borderless in Tokyo). That the 'cultural character should be of innovation'. Another noted that both the Create Centre and Records Office are cultural and creative hubs in their own ways.</li> <li>– Called for attention to art in any new plans.</li> <li>– One comment thought that the cultural hub commitment had come out of nowhere. They questioned the demand for this and whether Western Harbour was the best location for it. Note that the city is already struggling to support its existing cultural centres.</li> </ul>	

- Fear that change will eradicate the existing culture of the area.
- Request that all the Bonded Warehouses be considered for mixed use, not just one.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of agreement in the consultation survey for the commitment to ‘Encourage Culture’ is welcomed. This feedback, including the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details (including details of the type of cultural hub) for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation, including with the cultural community.

The desire for a cultural hub in the Western Harbour project area, and the potential of the Bonded Warehouses to be part of this, was raised in the community engagement undertaken from September to December 2021. This is because they are a part of the city's history and the Records Office already exists in the area.

#### **Amendments to vision:**

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### **Theme: Western Harbour will support a thriving community**

#### ***Commitment: Welcome to All***

Survey results (number of responses: 747. 5% didn’t answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 65%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 16%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 13%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment ‘Welcome to All’:

Accessibility	17 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerns that reducing car use will disproportionately affect older people / those with disabilities – including those with mobility issues</li> </ul>	



who are not formally registered as disabled. This is exacerbated as roads in the area are very steep for walking / cycling.

- Concerns that reducing car use in the area will impact on carers.
- That cars are necessary for those who need to bring kit with them, e.g., volunteers working on heritage assets or water users.
- Given the lack of local shops, cars are necessary for day-to-day shopping.
- Cycling is not a panacea and needs to be supported by other modes of transport. However, public transport is not good enough to replace car journeys as it stands. Not everyone can use active / public transport.
- Many raised the issue of the Clean Air Zone saying that this would make getting to the harbour and into central Bristol more difficult for them.

#### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of agreement in the survey for the commitment 'Welcome to All' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### Amendments to vision:

- In response to the comments about accessibility in the area, the commitment 'Welcome Visitors will be given the heading 'Welcome to All' – while 'Welcome to All' will be changed to 'Inclusive Places' to strengthen the commitment that the area is inclusive of all, including those who are less able to cycle / walk etc.

#### *Commitment: Provide Quality Homes*

Survey results (number of responses: 746. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 47%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 20%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 27%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Provide Quality Homes':

Housing / Building	120 Comments
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerns about the design of new homes – architectural style and energy efficiency key factors for future consideration. Calls for homes to be properly insulated and provided with sustainable energy sources such as heat pumps, solar panels, etc.</li> <li>– That Western Harbour is not an appropriate location for new homes, pointing to the city centre or other brownfield sites. Several call for Western Harbour to be given over to nature and recreational space. That there is enough housing in Bristol already.</li> <li>– Questions about why the vision doesn't mention housing numbers. Requests that the number within the Local Plan review is reconsidered / considered against the housing numbers coming forward in nearby North Somerset.</li> <li>– Comments that queried the density of development, others were supportive of high density, but without high rise.</li> <li>– Concern about over development of existing green space.</li> <li>– Comments in support of the reuse of the Bonded Warehouses.</li> <li>– Comments that development will bring more pollution.</li> </ul>	
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>74 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support for the need for affordable housing / social housing. Calls for social housing in particular.</li> <li>– Clarity requested on the definition of 'affordable housing'.</li> <li>– That the development should be more ambitious and achieve 100% affordable housing.</li> <li>– One comment that meeting the target of 50% affordable housing would leave very little if anything from the development value for other considerations.</li> <li>– Comment about ensuring housing tenure is managed to ensure that the tenure mix promotes long term communities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Building Height</b>	<b>79 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Several queried why building heights were not mentioned in the vision.</li> <li>– That building heights should be low as to protect views and the dominance of the Bonded Warehouses.</li> <li>– Requests for no high rise in this location.</li> </ul>	

Amenities	16 Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Need to consider the community infrastructure / public services required to support new homes. Concern that housing in particular will put pressure on already strained amenities, e.g., doctor's surgeries, schools, dentists, pharmacies, community centres, shops, childcare and public toilets. Stress on skate park and caravan park also mentioned.</li> <li>– Community infrastructure needs to be cheap and accessible, especially for those less able to walk / cycle. Build in accessibility for all (including for those with hidden disabilities).</li> <li>– Concern that there will be more pressure on greenspace for people to enjoy if built on.</li> </ul>

#### Bristol City Council response:

It is noted that 'Provide Quality Homes' had the least agreement compared to the other commitments. There were many comments also associated with this commitment. The council welcomes the feedback given.

In response to comments against development in this area, 49% of the area is currently occupied by roads, parking, and other hard surfaces, some of which has the potential to be used in a more efficient way to help tackle some of the city's challenges around housing, climate and ecology. There is also a need to provide new homes for Bristol. There were around 16,000 people on the Bristol City Council housing waiting list in 2021 and demand for housing in the city is steadily rising.

This vision is intended to act as a guide for future creators, citizens and champions of Western Harbour and the city, and as such does not explicitly mention the layout, height and massing of any new development. Specific building heights are not referenced within the vision and at this stage we do not feel it is appropriate to define them as detailed design work has not been undertaken. However, the vision does contain a commitment to 'Provide Vantage Points', which will be amended to reference key views both from within the area and across the city. The commitment to 'Celebrate Heritage' will also be amended to include reference to the Bonded Warehouses being the dominant built structures in the area. The masterplan will be guided by the vision (alongside ongoing consultation) and will consider these aspects in the context of existing planning policies. Detailed architectural styles will

emerge at detailed planning application stage. The masterplan will inform the Local Plan review which will guide development in the area, including housing numbers. The reuse of the Bonded Warehouses will be a priority for the city.

Some comments spoke of the need to ensure that any new homes are sustainable, and that they do not impinge on green space and biodiversity. This is picked up in other commitments such as the commitment to Increase Biodiversity (the title of this commitment will be changed to 'Biodiverse Built Environment') and also the commitment to Nurture Ecology.

The detailed make-up of the affordable housing mix would be defined at the planning application stage. Bristol needs mixed and balanced communities, so the council policy is to encourage a mix of housing type and tenure.

Affordable housing is as defined within the National Planning Policy Framework. It can mean "i) social rented, ii) affordable rented and iii) intermediate housing provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market".

Comments received on amenities relate to the commitment 'Support Community'. The detailed comments on the type of community facilities and space required will be explored as the masterplan develops in consultation with the community and key stakeholders.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**

- No amendments are proposed to the commitment to 'Provide Quality Homes'. We feel this commitment provides sufficient information to guide the future masterplan, alongside ongoing community consultation.
- Amend 'Celebrate Heritage' to include reference to Bonded Warehouses being the dominant built structures in the area.
- Amend 'Provide Vantage Points' to reference key views both from within the area and across the city.
- Amend the title of the commitment 'Increase Biodiversity' to 'Biodiverse Built Environment' and expand upon this in an accompanying statement to counterpoint the commitment to 'Nurture Ecology' more generally.

### ***Commitment: Support Enterprise***

Survey results (number of responses: 742. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 53%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 25%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 17%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Support Enterprise':

Enterprise	13 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– General support for local businesses, artisans, and workshops.</li><li>– That small workshop spaces are desperately needed in Bristol and that this should be emphasized more than housing. There were calls to encourage boat building in the area. Calls for enterprise associated with the water.</li><li>– Comment that it is unclear how existing businesses will be brought into the process.</li><li>– Some comments supported Whapping Wharf container style businesses.</li><li>– That there are few local shops and some small local businesses – that there is scope to develop more. Some support for bringing independent bars and shops into the area. Suggestion that new services be located near to Riverside Garden Centre.</li><li>– Calls for local business that aren't too noisy and that enhance tranquillity.</li></ul>	

### **Bristol City Council response:**

Just over half of the survey respondents strongly agreed or agreed with the commitment to 'Support Enterprise'. This feedback, including the detailed responses given on the type of business space and potential priority sectors is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation, including with business and enterprise communities.

### **Amendments to the vision:**

- None proposed due to the level of support for this commitment.

### ***Commitment: Feel Safe***

Survey results (number of responses: 745. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 70%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 15%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 10%

Free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Feel Safe':

The theme 'Feel Safe' was not reflected in any particular feedback, although there were comments around making sure the road was safe, etc.

### ***Bristol City Council response:***

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Feel Safe' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. This will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### ***Amendments to the vision:***

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### ***Commitment: Support Community***

Survey results (number of responses: 746. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 64%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 18%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 13%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Support Community':

Community	16 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– General comments about need to foster community / social connections.</li><li>– That there are many different communities in the area (graffiti artists, joggers, dog walkers, skateboarders, etc.) How can the project cater to all of these?</li><li>– That changes should repair the damage and loss of houses that the road network initially created in the 1960s. Fear that new roads will sever communities.</li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Fears of gentrification – especially from privatisation, gated communities, high buildings. That these contribute to severance.</li> <li>– Suggestions include market, community hub, performance space, play space, outreach GP service, café in plaza. Note that current community facilities provision has limitations. Facilities to foster sustainable lifestyles, e.g., connections to sustainable food systems.</li> <li>– Comment that communities should be connected to the water. Create more space / facilities for people who use the water.</li> <li>– Some call to minimise litter and antisocial behaviour. Comments against tagging / graffiti.</li> <li>– Fears that change will compromise the community feel / damage the artistic community.</li> <li>– That the Bower Ashton Campus should be connected and integrated into the community.</li> </ul>	
Amenities	16 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Need to consider the community infrastructure / public services required to support new homes. Concern that housing in particular will put pressure on already strained amenities, e.g., doctor's surgeries, schools, dentists, pharmacies, community centres, shops, childcare and public toilets. Stress on skate park and caravan park also mentioned.</li> <li>– Community infrastructure needs to be cheap and accessible, especially for those less able to walk / cycle. Build in accessibility for all (including for those with hidden disabilities).</li> <li>– Concern that there will be more pressure on greenspace for people to enjoy if built on.</li> </ul>	

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey agreement for the commitment to 'Support Community' and the comments relating to this have been noted. The council welcomes the detailed comments on supporting the existing and future community. The feedback, along with the detailed responses given, will be considered further at the masterplanning stage to ensure the right facilities are provided for the area to thrive. This will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### *Commitment: Safeguard Treasured Assets*

Survey results (number of responses: 745. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 73%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 10%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 12%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Safeguard Treasured Assets':

Local institutions	41 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Clear how important the Riverside Garden Centre is to respondents – a resource for gardeners, a social space, a place to promote green living, encourage local shopping, with a long history in Bristol. A successful community asset and a haven for peace and tranquillity that makes the area special. That Riverside Garden Centre supports everything that the vision stands for.</li><li>– Several comments still think that there is an intension that Riverside Garden Centre will not be accommodated in the Western Harbour project area. Others welcome the commitment to make sure Riverside Garden Centre is accommodated. Calls for the council to help Riverside Garden Centre thrive.</li><li>– Several ask for detail around where Riverside Garden Centre will be (the vision says that it will be accommodated within the area but no more). One comment does not see a problem with moving Riverside Garden Centre to a new site nearby to facilitate a better road layout. Some interpret the 'Treasured Assets' commitment as ruling out the 'Eastern' road option.</li><li>– Calls to communicate with Riverside Garden Centre more effectively.</li><li>– Other local institutions mentioned including Nova Scotia place / pub / hotel. Fears that these would be jeopardised by the 'Eastern' road option.</li><li>– Comments pleased that the pump track is to be accommodated. Others worry that the skating community won't be protected. Worry that the phrasing around the pump track being 'accommodated' might mean relocated.</li></ul>	



- Call for the Create Centre, Records Office and the self-storage unit to be protected. Why is only one Bonded Warehouse mentioned – what will happen to the other two?

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of agreement that the area 'Safeguard Treasured Assets' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage.

The masterplanning process will define the future layout of the area (including the road layout) and will need to recognise the role of Riverside Garden and the pump track in supporting a thriving community. The council is committed to working closely and communicating well with Riverside Garden Centre and other businesses / residents within the project area.

The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### **Theme: Western Harbour will build on its tradition of innovation**

#### ***Commitment: Tackle Challenges***

Survey results (number of responses: 743. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 54%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 27%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 14%

The theme 'Tackle Challenges' was not reflected in any particular feedback.

#### **BCC Response:**

Just over half of the survey respondents strongly agreed or agreed with the commitment to 'Tackle Challenges'. This general support is noted and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. This will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to vision:

- None proposed due to the level of support for this commitment.

### *Commitment: Integrate Resilience*

Survey results (number of responses: 743. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 62%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 22%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 11%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Integrate Resilience':

Energy and Climate	22 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– That any changes should consider the effects of climate change.</li><li>– That demolition should consider the embodied energy of existing structures – changes should be net zero in construction, in delivery and also maintenance.</li><li>– Support for commitments around greener energy in the area.</li><li>– Suggestion that the vision could be more ambitious to achieve net zero, e.g., including carbon capture and storage, producing excess green energy, provision of storage capacity to match generation to demand.</li><li>– Suggestion that the area could run on hydropower / tidal energy / district heating.</li><li>– That new houses should be Passive Haus standard.</li><li>– That the area should be designed in such a way as to produce 20-minute neighbourhoods.</li></ul>	
Flooding	66 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– That other areas would be better sites for development given that Western Harbour floods. Fears that flooding will become more of a problem with climate change.</li><li>– Questions as to how to integrate flood management into the area.</li><li>– Questions over perceived inconsistencies around the refusal of the new caravan site at the former police horse site nearby due to flooding concerns and development at Western Harbour.</li><li>– Calls to upgrade the flood defences.</li></ul>	

- Calls for a barrage at or near Avonmouth to combat flooding, instead of defences near Western Harbour.
- That any new flood defences will affect the ecology of this area of the river, that the river should be allowed to be natural.
- That flood defences should improve public space year-round.
- Concerns that the Bristol and Avon Flood Strategy favours hard surface public space over blue / green adaptive climate mitigations – that steel and concrete flood defences are not in keeping with the area's heritage. Calls for water meadows and salt marshes.
- Comment that the language in the vision around 'green and blue drainage' will be meaningless to many.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of agreement for the commitment 'Integrate Resilience' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out, including reviewing the full environmental impact of any proposals, alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

The Bristol Avon Flood Strategy sets out a strategic long-term plan for managing flood risk from the River Avon to central Bristol. Any development at Western Harbour will need to deliver the requirements set out in the strategy.

#### **Amendments to vision:**

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### **Commitment: Achieve Net-Zero**

Survey results (number of responses: 745. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 63%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 18%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 13%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Achieve Net-Zero':

Energy and Climate	22 Comments
– That any changes should consider the effects of climate change.	

- That demolition should consider the embodied energy of existing structures – changes should be net zero in construction, in delivery and also maintenance.
- Support for commitments around greener energy in the area.
- Suggestion that the vision could be more ambitious to achieve net zero, e.g., including carbon capture and storage, producing excess green energy, provision of storage capacity to match generation to demand.
- Suggestion that the area could run on hydropower / tidal energy / district heating.
- That new houses should be Passive Haus standard.
- That the area should be designed in such a way as to produce 20-minute neighbourhoods.

#### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of support for the area to 'Achieve Net Zero' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### *Commitment: Run on Green Energy*

Survey results (number of responses: 741. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 70%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 15%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 10%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Run on Green Energy':

Energy and Climate	22 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That any changes should consider the effects of climate change.</li> <li>– That demolition should consider the embodied energy of existing structures – changes should be net zero in construction, in delivery and also maintenance.</li> <li>– Support for commitments around greener energy in the area.</li> </ul>	

- Suggestion that the vision could be more ambitious to achieve net zero, e.g., including carbon capture and storage, producing excess green energy, provision of storage capacity to match generation to demand.
- Suggestion that the area could run on hydropower / tidal energy / district heating.
- That new houses should be Passive Haus standard.
- That the area should be designed in such a way as to produce 20-minute neighbourhoods.

#### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of support for the area to 'Run on Green Energy' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation. For example, the council will work closely with its City Leap partner to develop appropriate responses to the commitment 'Run on Green Energy'.

#### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### *Commitment: Build-in Sustainable Drainage*

Survey results (number of responses: 741. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 72%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 12%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 10%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Build-in Sustainable Drainage':

Flooding	66 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That other areas would be better sites for development given that Western Harbour floods. Fears that flooding will become more of a problem with climate change.</li> <li>– Questions as to how to integrate flood management into the area.</li> <li>– Questions over perceived inconsistencies around the refusal of the new caravan site at the former police horse site nearby due to flooding concerns and development at Western Harbour.</li> </ul>	

- Calls to upgrade the flood defences.
- Calls for a barrage at or near Avonmouth to combat flooding, instead of defences near Western Harbour.
- That any new flood defences will affect the ecology of this area of the river, that the river should be allowed to be natural.
- That flood defences should improve public space year-round.
- Concerns that the Bristol and Avon Flood Strategy favours hard surface public space over blue / green adaptive climate mitigations – that steel and concrete flood defences are not in keeping with the area's heritage. Calls for water meadows and salt marshes.
- Comment that the language in the vision around 'green and blue drainage' will be meaningless to many.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Build in Sustainable Drainage' and the comments relating to this have been noted. This, along with the comments received on flooding that also relate to the commitment 'Integrate Resilience', will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

The Bristol Avon Flood Strategy sets out a strategic long-term plan for managing flood risk from the River Avon to central Bristol. Any development at Western Harbour will need to deliver the requirements set out in the strategy.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### ***Commitment: Increase Biodiversity***

Survey results (number of responses: 745. 5% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 69%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 14%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 12%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Increase Biodiversity':

Nature	115 Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Comments supportive of promoting biodiversity in the vision. That a response to the climate emergency should be prioritised.</li> <li>– The vision should be more ambitious and go beyond legal requirements by committing to protect and enhance existing sites / wildlife, such as resident buzzards. That there should be no loss of green space in the area, especially in relation to Greville Smythe Park.</li> <li>– Particular areas mentioned – Ashton Meadows, Sylvia Crowe's wooded hill near Riverside Garden Centre and Butterfly Junction.</li> <li>– That the area should be taken in the context of the wider Avon Gorge and respond positively to Sites of Special Scientific Interests. Calls to enhance the green corridor between city and countryside.</li> <li>– Maintenance of the 'natural river corridor'. Protection of the Avon New Cut in light of collapses.</li> <li>– Ensure new planting is native to the area. Keep existing mature trees, plant new pollution tolerant trees. Keep the area 'wild' / preserve wild aspects of the site.</li> <li>– That green space / nature is part of the areas charm. That green / open space is popular for recreation and exercise. That this is good for mental health. Call for the recreation of the historic Vauxhall Gardens. Call for the provision of more allotments.</li> <li>– Clarity sought on the areas that will be built on / left for biodiversity.</li> <li>– Suggestions for ways that development could support nature, such as green roofs and green walls (including a green roof over the road network), calls for any change to respond to the natural setting of the area.</li> <li>– Fear that new buildings / infrastructure will impact negatively on the ecology of the area, and that bringing people into the area would harm wildlife.</li> <li>– That by building dense cities, fewer wild areas are needed for development, and that dense cities support a smaller environmental footprint.</li> <li>– That the 'Increase Biodiversity' and 'Nurture Ecology' commitments could be consolidated.</li> </ul>

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Increase Biodiversity' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be

considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### Amendments to the vision:

- Amend the title of the commitment 'Increase Biodiversity' to 'Biodiverse Built Environment' and expand upon this in an accompanying statement to counterpoint the commitment to 'Nurture Ecology' more generally.

### Theme: Western Harbour will embrace freedom and nature

#### *Commitment: Celebrate the Waterfront*

Survey results (number of responses: 739. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 72%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 11%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 12%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Celebrate the Waterfront':

Water	33 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That the vision should treat the area as a working harbour and take boat movement into account to a greater degree.</li> <li>– Concern that access for marine craft will be compromised. That new development would inhibit access to the water of those with disabilities.</li> <li>– Calls to encourage and promote water sports in the area. This included providing support to existing water users, club houses or places to rent equipment for personal use.</li> <li>– That the Clean Air Zone affects boat users taking craft / equipment to the area. Request that an exemption be made for this / with incentives for those operating in an environmentally friendly fashion. Call for more boat parking to stop people driving their boats in. That diesel boats should also be counted as a source of pollution in the area / tackled.</li> </ul>	



- Call to protect, enhance / extend opportunities for affordable permanent and leisure mooring of liveaboard boats. Requests for more facilities for these.
- Calls for better public access to the waterfront. Note that encouraging more people to the area will put people in contact with a fast flowing, dangerous river surrounded by deep mudflats. Calls for more water safety measures to reduce fatalities.
- Call for wild swimming in the Cumberland Basin / for a lido / harbour baths. That a specific swimming area could help to mitigate against safety concerns.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Celebrate the Waterfront' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**

- In recognition of the many comments that asked for the industrial heritage of the area to be retained and celebrated, the commitment to 'Celebrate Heritage' will be amended to include reference to dock infrastructure.
- In recognition of comments on the accessibility issues around the waterfront for boat users, the commitment 'Welcome Visitors' will be given the heading 'Welcome to All' – while 'Welcome to All' will be changed to 'Inclusive Places' to strengthen the commitment that the area is inclusive, including those who use the area for water-based activities.

#### ***Commitment: Escape the bustle***

Survey results (number of responses: 739. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 62%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 17%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 15%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Escape the bustle':

Tranquillity	15 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That the area is already relatively tranquil.</li> <li>– That traffic noise takes away from the tranquillity of the area. Others note that tranquillity is created by the flyover, as it has so far stopped development in the area.</li> <li>– That the area should primarily be for exercise and recreation to promote mental wellbeing.</li> <li>– Fears that commercialising the area and adding housing would ruin the existing tranquillity and charm of the area – that the area is 'away from the hustle and bustle'.</li> <li>– Comments that residents need peace at night, especially from bars and clubs.</li> </ul>	

### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of survey support for that this be an area where one can 'Escape the bustle' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### *Commitment: Promote Recreation*

Survey results (number of responses: 738. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 66%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 15%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 13%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Promote Recreation':

Sport / Recreation	17 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That the area should primarily be for leisure.</li> <li>– Fear that the space would be sanitised and lose its relaxed feel.</li> <li>– Call for links to the water – also new changing rooms, public toilets, seating and rubbish bins.</li> </ul>	

- That the pump track / skate ramps are key for leisure in the area. Especially important for young people who have little space to socialise for free. Having this facility, near green space, is good for mental health. That the Sylvia Crowe hard surfaced area could be handed over to youth. That skating arrangements can feel unsafe – skating often forced into sub optimal places, e.g., bike lanes / dimly lit roads. Call for an illuminated skate park.
- That the area has good footpaths for cyclists, joggers, and dog walkers.
- That the green spaces are good for picnics and relaxation.
- Some wanted more cafes in the area.
- Comment that Sylvia Crowe's landscape didn't work – what would make another scheme focussed around a road work? That this is possibly due to lack of maintenance / neglect.
- Call for an urban beach.

#### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Promote Recreation' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

#### *Commitment: Provide Vantage Points*

Survey results (number of responses: 738. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 66%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 15%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 12%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Provide Vantage Points':

Views	48 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That views give the area its 'wow factor'. Views given particular mention are Clifton Suspension Bridge, Avon Gorge, Ashton Court,</li> </ul>	

terraces in Hotwells/Clifton, other parts of the city including maintaining the view of Dundry Hill from Clifton Suspension Bridge.

- Fear that building height could impinge on the dominance of the Bonded Warehouses.
- Fear that 'open vistas' will be lost.
- That preserving long views is important – this applies to views both to and from the area. That tall buildings / a new road will impinge on this.
- Fear that there will be a solitary viewing platform to look at Clifton Suspension Bridge, without due regard paid to incidental views in the area.
- Maintain the view of activity on the water.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Provide Vantage Points' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

#### **Amendments to the vision:**

- Amend 'Provide Vantage Points' to reference key views both from within the area and across the city.
- Amend 'Celebrate Heritage' to include reference to the Bonded Warehouses being the dominant built structures in the area.

#### ***Commitment: Nurture Ecology***

Survey results (number of responses: 738. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 70%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 12%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 12%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Nurture Ecology':

Nature	115 Comments
– Comments supportive of promoting biodiversity in the vision. That a response to the climate emergency should be prioritised.	

- The vision should be more ambitious and go beyond legal requirements by committing to protect and enhance existing sites / wildlife, such as resident buzzards. That there should be no loss of green space in the area, especially in relation to Greville Smythe Park.
- Particular areas mentioned – Ashton Meadows, Sylvia Crowe's wooded hill near Riverside Garden Centre and Butterfly Junction.
- That the area should be taken in the context of the wider Avon Gorge and respond positively to Sites of Special Scientific Interests. Calls to enhance the green corridor between city and countryside.
- Maintenance of the 'natural river corridor'. Protection of the Avon New Cut in light of collapses.
- Ensure new planting is native to the area. Keep existing mature trees, plant new pollution tolerant trees. Keep the area 'wild' / preserve wild aspects of the site.
- That green space / nature is part of the areas charm. That green / open space is popular for recreation and exercise. That this is good for mental health. Call for the recreation of the historic Vauxhall Gardens. Call for the provision of more allotments.
- Clarity sought on the areas that will be built on / left for biodiversity.
- Suggestions for ways that development could support nature, such as green roofs and green walls (including a green roof over the road network), calls for any change to respond to the natural setting of the area.
- Fear that new buildings / infrastructure will impact negatively on the ecology of the area, and that bringing people into the area would harm wildlife.
- That by building dense cities, fewer wild areas are needed for development, and that dense cities support a smaller environmental footprint.
- That the 'Increase Biodiversity' and 'Nurture Ecology' commitments could be consolidated.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Nurture Ecology' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.
- Amend the title of the commitment 'Increase Biodiversity' to 'Biodiverse Built Environment' and expand upon this in an accompanying statement to counterpoint the commitment to 'Nurture Ecology' more generally.

### *Commitment: Connect to River Avon*

Survey results (number of responses: 735. 6% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 62%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 20%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 11%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the commitment 'Connect to River Avon':

Nature	115 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Comments supportive of promoting biodiversity in the vision. That a response to the climate emergency should be prioritised.</li><li>– The vision should be more ambitious and go beyond legal requirements by committing to protect and enhance existing sites / wildlife, such as resident buzzards. That there should be no loss of green space in the area, especially in relation to Greville Smythe Park.</li><li>– Particular areas mentioned – Ashton Meadows, Sylvia Crowe's wooded hill near Riverside Garden Centre and Butterfly Junction.</li><li>– That the area should be taken in the context of the wider Avon Gorge and respond positively to Sites of Special Scientific Interests. Calls to enhance the green corridor between city and countryside.</li><li>– Maintenance of the 'natural river corridor'. Protection of the Avon New Cut in light of collapses.</li><li>– Ensure new planting is native to the area. Keep existing mature trees, plant new pollution tolerant trees. Keep the area 'wild' / preserve wild aspects of the site.</li><li>– That green space / nature is part of the areas charm. That green / open space is popular for recreation and exercise. That this is good for mental health. Call for the recreation of the historic Vauxhall Gardens. Call for the provision of more allotments.</li></ul>	

- Clarity sought on the areas that will be built on / left for biodiversity.
- Suggestions for ways that development could support nature, such as green roofs and green walls (including a green roof over the road network), calls for any change to respond to the natural setting of the area.
- Fear that new buildings / infrastructure will impact negatively on the ecology of the area, and that bringing people into the area would harm wildlife.
- That by building dense cities, fewer wild areas are needed for development, and that dense cities support a smaller environmental footprint.

That the 'Increase Biodiversity' and 'Nurture Ecology' commitments could be consolidated.

## Water

**33 Comments**

- That the vision should treat the area as a working harbour and take boat movement into account to a greater degree.
- Concern that access for marine craft will be compromised. That new development would inhibit access to the water of those with disabilities.
- Calls to encourage and promote water sports in the area. This included providing support to existing water users, club houses or places to rent equipment for personal use.
- That the Clean Air Zone affects boat users taking craft / equipment to the area. Request that an exemption be made for this / with incentives for those operating in an environmentally friendly fashion. Call for more boat parking to stop people driving their boats in. That diesel boats should also be counted as a source of pollution in the area / tackled.
- Call to protect, enhance / extend opportunities for affordable permanent and leisure mooring of liveaboard boats. Requests for more facilities for these.
- Calls for better public access to the waterfront. Note that encouraging more people to the area will put people in contact with a fast flowing, dangerous river surrounded by deep mudflats. Calls for more water safety measures to reduce fatalities.
- Call for wild swimming in the Cumberland Basin / for a lido / harbour baths. That a specific swimming area could help to mitigate against safety concerns.

### Bristol City Council response:

The high levels of survey support for the area to 'Connect to the River Avon' is welcomed. This, along with the detailed responses given is noted, and will be considered further at the masterplanning stage. The masterplan will be guided by the vision – it is here that details for the area will be worked out alongside ongoing community engagement and consultation.

### Amendments to the vision:

- None proposed due to the high level of support for this commitment.

### *Question: Do you agree or disagree with this vision*

Survey results (number of responses: 753. 4% didn't answer):

- Strongly Agree + Agree: 48%
- Neither Agree nor Disagree: 23%
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree: 25%

Summary of the free text box comments that relate to the question 'Do you agree or disagree with this vision':

Overall Project – positive	36 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– That the new approach to change in the area is welcome.</li><li>– That the vision is a good reflection of the engagement undertaken.</li><li>– That the commitments in the vision are positive, sometimes alongside comments around awaiting more detailed plans.</li><li>– That the vision is ambitious – comments in support of this ambition.</li><li>– Comments that welcome the redevelopment of the area generally.</li><li>– That this process has been better than the one undertaken in 2019.</li></ul>	
Overall Project – negative	142 Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Scepticism that the council will be able to deliver the project.</li><li>– Concern that the vision will unrealistically raise people's expectations for the area.</li><li>– Confusion over project boundary and the boundary in the Local Plan.</li><li>– Fear that council departments are not working together – linking elements such as the Local Plan, student accommodation and the heat network.</li></ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Calls for greater transparency, a lack of trust that all the relevant information / objectives for the area is being shared. Fears of 'closed door deals' and corruption.</li> <li>– Mistrust – that this is a PR exercise to make it look like there is endorsement for the project.</li> <li>– Concern about the negative role of developers and / or foreign investment.</li> <li>– Fears of 'top down' development which does not respond to / include communities.</li> <li>– That the vision did not deliver value for money – that it is too simple.</li> <li>– Concern about the make-up of the Western Harbour Advisory Group. Questions over why local councillors are not invited to the group.</li> </ul>	
<b>Averse to change / development</b>	<b>17 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Against any development of the area due to mistrust based on other developments around Bristol, feelings that the area is fine as it is, fears that change would destroy what makes the area unique, comments that the area does not need regeneration and fear that the project will privatise public space.</li> </ul>	
<b>Survey design</b>	<b>36 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerns that the survey format did not allow for participants' views to be expressed in a meaningful way – that it was a 'tick box' exercise.</li> </ul>	
<b>Future Project / Consultation</b>	<b>35 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That plans for the area should be designed iteratively.</li> <li>– Requests that the consultation continues as future plans and proposals emerge. Request for consultation on the design of flood defences.</li> <li>– That an emphasis on 'local' engagement may favour the short-term solutions and the wish to avoid change.</li> <li>– Questions around the weight to be given to community engagement in future stages.</li> <li>– Questions around how the vision will inform the masterplanning process, what other factors will be at play.</li> <li>– Request by the Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group that they are consulted on the masterplanning brief.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Many participants, though they may have been positive about aspirations expressed in the vision in general, emphasised their right to comment on future proposals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Vision descriptive / difficult to disagree with</b>	<b>23 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Comments that the vision is descriptive. The area is already peaceful, green, a 'distinctive gateway', seeped in culture, accessible, that the road works well, that cycle infrastructure is fine and that it is already good for recreation.</li> <li>– That it was difficult to disagree with commitments – they are all 'motherhood and apple pie'. That it is a PR exercise.</li> </ul>	
<b>Contradictions / unrealistic</b>	<b>25 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– That commitments could be contradictory. For example, maintaining tranquillity and nature while also providing housing and road infrastructure.</li> <li>– Questions on how priorities in the vision will be worked and who will make these decisions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Lack of detail</b>	<b>233 Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Significant number of comments noting the lack of detail as to what is specifically proposed for the area, especially in relation to the road network, building heights, number of houses and flood defences. Drawings/plans requested.</li> <li>– How the vision is to be delivered is not demonstrated, there are few measurable targets.</li> <li>– Criticism of lack of priorities with no hard choices made. The vision is too aspirational. It is difficult to identify what was left out.</li> <li>– Vision statements are too ambiguous, and as such open interpretation.</li> <li>– Several comments spoke of how the lack of detail had led them to answer the survey negatively, as they felt that any support shown could be used to justify changes that they may not approve of once plans are worked out in practice.</li> <li>– Questions over the status of the 2019 road options study and whether all of these options are still on the table. How will this inform the masterplan.</li> </ul>	
<b>The Name</b>	<b>15 Comments</b>

- Those that did not like the name ‘Western Harbour’ – preference for ‘Cumberland Basin’.

#### **Bristol City Council response:**

It is noted that just under 48% of people agreed or strongly agreed with the question 'Do you agree or disagree with this vision for Western Harbour as a whole'. This was accompanied by a number of comments which can be read above.

Regarding comments that were against any change in the area, the council has been clear that change is needed, including significant investment in the road network and flood defences in the area – and that Bristol is in urgent need of new homes. The vision is set out within a context of change for this reason – doing nothing is not an option. The vision builds on the important features of the existing space, as was expressed in the 2021 Harbour Hopes engagement, and sets out commitments for existing and new communities.

With regards to questions about the link between the project area outlined for the purposes of the Harbour Hopes engagement / vision and the boundary laid out in the Local Plan, the focus of the Harbour Hopes engagement encompasses land that is largely owned by Bristol City Council and as such has a narrower boundary than that laid out in the Local Plan. The West of England Spatial Development Strategy and Bristol’s emerging Local Plan Review will consider how the city will develop over the next 15 to 20 years and includes the Western Harbour Growth & Regeneration Area. This is larger than the Western Harbour project area and it includes land that is owned by both the public and private sector. Therefore, development proposals may come forward earlier in the Western Harbour Growth & Regeneration Area independently than developments in the Western Harbour Project Area, as the council continues to progress its plans within its ownership.

The masterplan for the Western Harbour project area will inform the Local Plan Review. The masterplan will comprise a dynamic, long-term planning document and provide a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development in the Western Harbour project area. After this is complete, finer details of the scheme will be defined through individual planning applications which will be developed with ongoing consultation throughout.

Regarding comments on governance, the membership and Terms of Reference of the Western Harbour Advisory Group is under review.

Responding to calls for transparency, all published reports will be put on the [‘Programme’ page](#) of the Harbour Hopes website so that reports can be read in chronological order. The terms of reference of the Western Harbour Advisory Group, as well as its meeting notes are published on the Bristol City Council [Western Harbour project page](#).

Regarding comments about the name 'Western Harbour', the vision focusses on the western end of the Floating Harbour. It's an area that extends beyond Cumberland Basin itself, from Hotwells to Greville Smyth Park and includes Cumberland Basin and the New Cut. We've been referring to the area as Western Harbour as a project name.

Regarding the comments on the process of this particular consultation, the draft vision document was the result of a detailed engagement programme which ran for four months from September to December 2021. The engagement included a wide range of methods to gather people's views, including online / offline workshops, a month-long exhibition, and online maps. The commission to produce the vision included this detailed engagement, so that the vision could be informed by the views of the community and what people feel makes this area special.

The recent consultation survey that this report summaries and responds to was designed to collect feedback on the draft vision. It included both quantitative questions to enable the council to understand the level of agreement to the commitments contained in the vision whilst also enabling people to express their views through providing comments. The draft vision is a high-level ambitious vision for Western Harbour and a result of detailed community engagement conducted at the end of 2021. The detail of how the city will achieve this vision will come as the masterplan is developed over the next few years. This is the very start of a process to work out the best possible future for the area, and the council will need continued input from the city through ongoing community engagement and consultation to develop the vision into reality. It will take time for a neighbourhood to evolve, and the conversation will continue over the coming years as plans emerge.

A large number of comments requested more detail about changes to the area. While the council understands the pressure to come up with detailed

plans for the area, it was felt that stepping back and asking people what they thought made the area special was necessary before these details are worked out. Therefore, much of the detail requested falls outside of the scope of the vision at this stage. The masterplanning stage of work will consider the area in more detail and will need to demonstrate how it responds and delivers the vision.

We recognise the importance of community engagement throughout the process and will publish a scope of community influence document. This will set out the aspects of details that the community have a lot of say over as well as details that may be guided by national policy.

There will be other considerations that will also be taken on board by the masterplanners. For example, as part of the next stage of work the council will ask Historic England to undertake a review and assessment of the listed structures in the project area and identify others that may be suitable for listing. It will also work with the Bristol Avon Flood Strategy to incorporate these considerations into future designs for flood defences. There are also likely to be other studies in the future that will need to be taken into consideration, such as a study into key views.

All road options, including but not limited to the 2019 Transport Study, are still possibilities as a decision has yet to be made about the future of the road network. The masterplan will need to assess road network options and consider which best responds to the vision, whilst also incorporating feedback from the community and the various technical requirements for the area.

We understand that people are concerned that the area will be privatised, there are a number of commitments set out in the vision to ensure that the public realm is accessible, such as in the newly re-titled 'Inclusive places', Create Connections and Celebrate the Waterfront.

In response to comments noting that some of the vision commitments may compete with each other, any complex scheme will have priorities that will need to be balanced against each other. The masterplan and associated engagement will need to flag these as it progresses and decisions will need to be made on technical merit, city priorities and community feedback.

## Summary of amendments to the vision

### *New Introduction page:*

Why does Western Harbour need to change?

The western end of the Floating Harbour has evolved over the centuries, seeing feats of engineering, the changing fortunes of dock workers, and becoming a key route in and out of Bristol. As the city responds to a changing climate, aging infrastructure, the increasing threat of flooding and the need to provide quality places for people to live and work, it's important we shape a place that meets these challenges head on, while valuing what makes this part of Bristol so special and unique. This vision is the start of the process – the declaration of intent and a guide for the future creators, citizens and champions of Western Harbour and the city.

### *Amended final page:*

This vision aims to reflect the hundreds of encounters and conversations about the identity and potential for the area which took place from September 2021 to April 2022. It was endorsed by Bristol City Council's Cabinet on 12 July 2022.

This vision is the first step in shaping the future of Western Harbour. Through further community consultation and engagement, a masterplan will be created which will set out in detail how the vision's commitments will be achieved. This process will also inform the Local Plan Review.

We'll need inventive thinking to work through the challenges together and establish common ground and we hope the city will continue to engage with us to strive for the best outcome for the area.

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### *The poem*

Extracts of the poem by Caleb Parkin will be formatted more closely to his original, with it printed in full at the end.

## *Timeline*

A timeline of the project will be included

### *Amended commitments (changes are in orange):*

**Welcome to All:** Western Harbour's significant historic role as Bristol's gateway between the city and the countryside, will be reflected in the new development attracting people from near and far to visit and stay awhile **on land and water**.

**Celebrate Heritage:** The heritage **landscape** will be explored **and respected** whilst looking to the future. Historic **dock** buildings and infrastructure will be restored, **adapted, reused and explained**. The **Bonded warehouses will remain the dominant built structures within the landscape**.

**Inclusive places:** **Places that are free and accessible to all**, where everyone is welcome, whether you live here, work here or just like to visit.

**Biodiverse Built Environment:** Biodiversity net-gain will be achieved through the integration of wildlife friendly habitats **in buildings** and the public realm, **for example through planting, bat and bird boxes, green roofs, green walls and living structures**.

**Provide Vantage Points:** Beautiful public spaces to enjoy **key** views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, Ashton Court and the Clifton Escarpment **both from within the area and across the city**.

## Survey demographics and equalities analysis

### *Individuals vs. organisations:*

There were 752 responses from individuals and 11 responses from organisations.

### *Location of respondents:*

There were 681 responses to the question 'what is your postcode?'. From this we can see that over 60% of responses came from Bedminster, Southville, Bower Ashton, part of Totterdown, Windmill Hill, Clifton, Failand, Hotwells, Leigh Woods, Bristol city centre and Redcliffe.

Number	Percentage	Postcode	Area
167	25%	BS3	Bedminster, Southville, Bower Ashton, part of Totterdown, Windmill Hill
135	20%	BS8	Clifton, Failand, Hotwells, Leigh Woods
124	18%	BS1	Bristol city centre, Redcliffe
61	9%	BS6	Cotham, Redland, Montpelier, Westbury Park, St. Andrew's
60	9%	BS4	Brislington, Knowle, Knowle West, St Anne's, part of Totterdown
40	6%	BS9	Coombe Dingle, Sneyd Park, Stoke Bishop, Westbury on Trym, Henleaze
38	6%	BS7	Bishopston, Horfield, part of Filton, Lockleaze, Ashley Down
29	4%	BS5	Easton, St George, Redfield, Whitehall, Eastville, Speedwell, Greenbank, Barton Hill
23	3%	BS2	Kingsdown, St Paul's, St Phillip's, St Agnes
1	0%	SN4	Swindon
1	0%	NP4	Near Newport
1	0%	CMO	Essex

### *Age:*

There were 755 responses to the question 'what is your age?'. From this we can see that the most responsive age groups were aged 45-54, 55-64 and



65-74. Combined, these age groups accounted for approximately half of all responses.

Option	Total	Percent
0-10	0	0.00%
11-15	0	0.00%
16-17	0	0.00%
18-24	18	2.29%
25-34	105	13.36%
35-44	120	15.27%
45-54	141	17.94%
55-64	141	17.94%
65-74	130	16.54%
75-84	44	5.60%
85 +	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	56	7.12%
Not Answered	31	3.94%

#### Disability:

There were 745 responses to the question ‘Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?’

Option	Total	Percent
No	637	81.04%
Yes	48	6.11%
Prefer not to say	60	7.63%
Not Answered	41	5.22%

#### Sex:

There were 745 responses to the question ‘what is your sex?’

Option	Total	Percent
Male	348	44.27%
Female	295	37.53%
Prefer not say	97	12.34%
Not Answered	41	5.22%
Other*	5	0.64%

*\*Of those who selected ‘Other’: 2x non-binary and 1x gender non-conforming.*

### Gender reassignment:

There were 731 responses to the question ‘Have you gone through any part of a gender reassignment process or do you intend to?’

Option	Total	Percent
No	615	78.24%
Prefer not to say	114	14.50%
Not Answered	55	7.00%
Yes	2	0.25%

### Ethnicity:

There were 739 responses to the question ‘What is your ethnic group?’

Option	Total	Percent
White British	557	70.87%
Prefer not to say	100	12.72%
Not Answered	47	5.98%
White Other	43	5.47%
Any other ethnic background (please describe):	10	1.27%
White Irish	8	1.02%
Mixed / Multi ethnic group	8	1.02%
Black /African / Caribbean / Black British	7	0.89%
Asian / Asian British	5	0.64%
Gypsy / Roma / Irish Traveler	1	0.13%

### Religion/faith:

There were 733 responses the question ‘what is your religion/faith?’

Option	Total	Percent
No Religion	435	55.34%
Christian	143	18.19%
Prefer not to say	119	15.14%
Not Answered	53	6.74%
Other (please describe):	16	2.04%
Buddhist	11	1.40%
Pagan	5	0.64%
Hindu	1	0.13%
Jewish	1	0.13%

Muslim	1	0.13%
Sikh	1	0.13%

Of those who selected 'Not Answered' or 'Other': 3x Quakers, 1x Jedi, 5x Humanists, 1x 'Consciousness is all there is', 1x Bahai.

#### Sexual orientation:

There were 723 responses to the question 'What is your sexual orientation?'

Option	Total	Percent
Heterosexual / Straight	458	58.27%
Prefer not to say	175	22.26%
Not Answered	63	8.02%
Bisexual	33	4.20%
Gay Man	32	4.07%
Other	13	1.65%
Gay Woman / Lesbian	12	1.53%

#### Pregnancy and maternity:

There were 724 responses to the question 'are you pregnant or have you given birth in the last 26 weeks?'

Option	Total	Percent
No	615	78.24%
Prefer not to say	103	13.10%
Not Answered	62	7.89%
Yes	6	0.76%

#### Refugees/asylum seekers:

There were 730 responses to the question 'are you a refugee or asylum seeker?'

Option	Total	Percent
No	642	81.68%
Prefer not to say	87	11.07%
Not Answered	56	7.12%
Yes	1	0.13%