

Cllr Katherine Miles – City Councillor for Summertown ward

As the ward councillor for Summertown, I would like to make formal representation at the decision meeting on Thursday regarding the relocation of the parking bays on Frenchay Road.

Therefore, I wish the following statement to be made on my behalf in representation of the feedback I have received from residents and in line with the remarks I have made through the formal consultation.

The relocation of car parking onto the pavements at Frenchay Road is contrary to the county council's policies which prioritise pedestrians at the top of its user hierarchy. Allowing vehicles to park partially on the pavement will restrict those walking, in a wheelchair or using a pram and pushchair on this very narrow section of pavement. Therefore, I cannot support the current proposals before you.

There are multiple interconnecting issues at the junction of Frenchay Road and the bridge, as well as at the junction with Bainton and Hayfield road that have been formally and informally raised during this consultation, including the risks posed to vulnerable road users, a key active travel corridor for residents including children travelling to and from local schools, on this stretch of road.

I request that the Cabinet member discounts the option of allowing vehicles to park partially on the pavement and instead requests a review of alternative options that puts vulnerable road users at its heart. At the same time, I request that in scope the review, the County Council also considers issues related to speeding vehicles and visibility over the bridge and scope for measures to prevent potential collisions at the crossroads with Hayfield and Bainton Roads.