

Empowering and engaging citizens in our community



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Why engage?

- Improved planning and delivery of public services
- Stronger local democracy
- Strengthening community cohesion
- Higher levels of customer satisfaction

Our priorities



Our city
ambitious together



Our city
making a difference



Our city
safer and healthier



Our city
better neighbourhoods

e-democracy

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welcome
Askbristol tells you what's happening in Bristol and how to influence it. You're in the right place to see what decisions are being made, view and respond to consultations, join discussions, start or sign a petition, or just find out more about how you can influence decision making in the city. Use the options below or quicklinks to join in now!

JOIN UP & ASK

SIGN IN

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Re: Cycling Culture
 Who is the Council anyway?
 14 October 2008
 Save Ashton Vale Fields from further damage or future development



Webcasts

Discussion Forums

Consultation Finder

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ePetitions

Do you want to support or comment on a petition online?

e-Petitioner allows you to support a petition by adding your name and address online. Information about the subject is also provided, to put the petition in context and help you decide whether to sign.

You can also see who else has supported the petition (name and area only) or join in a discussion about it online.

Do you want to use the Internet to petition the Council?

e-Petitioner allows you to have your petition live on the Internet, rather than just on paper. This way, your petition

username
 password
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Newest Petitions

Save Ashton Vale Fields from further damage or...
 8 signatures Ends 31 Dec

Support tram based Rapid Transit for Bristol...
 227 signatures Ends 31 Dec

Improve cycling and

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Current discussions

Cycling City
 Discussion started: 31/07/08
 Discussion ends: 30/10/08

How can we encourage you to cycle?
 opposition to current e-petitions

Current eptions
 Discussion started: 01/06/08
 Discussion ends: 01/06/10

Give your views in support or

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Most recent comments

Re: Cycling Culture
 18 October 2008
 Sunday Road Closures
 15 October 2008
 Make Bristol Cycling Better
 15 October 2008
 Cycle and Pedestrian Flow Throughs
 15 October 2008

Engagement: Webcasting

- 80 webcasts since September 2007
- 20,551 unique visitors
- 11,196 return visitors

- Highest live audience for Bristol:
Football Stadium Planning: 1143 views
- Highest single audience (live and archive):
State of the City debate: 2,633



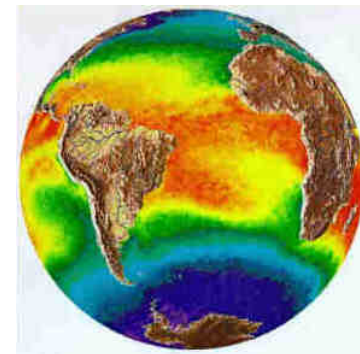
eParticipate

Engagement: e-Petitions

- Over 50,000 signatures on 130 e-petitions since 2004
- Fairly representative – but lower participation from some parts of the city
- Highest closed petition: Oppose Banksy art removal 3,196 signed
- Highest Current petition: Oppose use of cycle path for Rapid Transit Route 10,197 signed



Consultation



- Select Committee on Climate Change
- On line discussion and surveys on **Askbristol.com**.
- Comments fed into each Committee meeting.
Recommendations drew heavily on consultation findings.
- All committee meetings were Webcast. Total of 4,023 viewings

'I wished for my voice to be heard ~ This resource enabled this to happen.' Bristol citizen

Neighbourhood partnerships

- Build bridges between neighbourhoods and service providers
- Be a real focus of community activity
- Determine local priorities
- Coordinate consultations

Successes

Young people

- UK Youth Parliament
- Go places do things
- Park improvements

Greville Smyth Park

- Arts company commissioned to find out the views of young people and how anti social behaviour should be tackled
- New equipment for teenagers and new shelter
- Film made exploring anti social behaviour



Challenges

- Personal agendas can dominate, meaning not all have their voices heard
- Need to involve young people in the neighbourhood partnerships
- Need to address how forums link with neighbourhood partnerships and other community groups