



# Don't let Bristol LOSE THE PLOT!



All the Green Party candidates in the May 6 elections want to make Plot 6 a political priority for the city, in the Council House and at Westminster.

Plot 6 is ideally placed to provide the **state of the art transport hub** that Bristol desperately needs.



It lies alongside Temple Meads, where rail, road, ferries and cycle paths meet. It's in public ownership (Network Rail and SWRDA), and it's available. But it needs the political will to make sure the opportunity is seized, before the site is sold off to office developers.

**Our present politicians don't seem interested.**

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## THE PROBLEM

*Bristol is a fine city with chronic transport problems. Roads are congested, journey times are slow. Buses are unco-ordinated and expensive.*

*Getting to or between destinations in Bristol isn't easy. If you have to change buses, it usually means a walk, and an unpredictable wait at an inhospitable bus stop. It gets worse in the off-peak hours. It's an experience most people prefer to avoid.*

*Rail passengers arriving at Temple Meads find little information or advice about onward travel. A few buses stop on the approach ramp to the station; others pass along Temple Way, a few hundred metres walk from the train platforms. But most parts of the city aren't even connected by bus to the main railway station, Temple Meads.*

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Plot 6 brings a unique opportunity to turn things around, to make public transport in Bristol actually work for the people who use it, and encourage more people to use it.

## THE DIGBY WYATT SHED & PLOT 6



Network Rail already want to re-incorporate this extension to Brunel's Old Station into the present day railway station, replacing the present cramped ticket office area.

It has lots of space to become the bus/rail station concourse. There's plenty of room for travel information (including real time... "your bus will be here in nine minutes"), for tickets and advice, for tourist information. Space for seating, space for shops, space for entertainment. A light, safe, and sheltered space to change from bus to bus, from train to ferry.

Outside, Plot 6, right by a major city road artery, can provide the bus and rapid transit bays - just a step away from the main concourse.

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## THE BENEFITS

- For locals, the hub can provide a seamless journey from home to all parts of the city and beyond
  - For tourists, it's a vital introduction to Bristol, while the ferry quay not far away offers the ideal leisure route to the best of the city, by way of the Floating Harbour.
  - For commuters, traffic-free bike routes and footpaths complement the buses and rapid transit that serve all parts of the city.
  - Everyone with awkward luggage, buggies, wheelchairs etc will have a far easier journey.
  - A city that's better prepared for life after Peak Oil
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# BRISTOL'S TRANSPORT HUB

## THE NEXT STEPS...

- The City Council must open talks with the Plot 6 landowners to provide land for the Hub - using its powers as planning authority to gain the maximum public benefit;
- Network Rail and SWRDA must acknowledge their own obligations to the 'public good' and their commitments to sustainable development, by allocating land to the hub. (Network Rail are also potential beneficiaries of a hub, as it will encourage travel by bus and train);
- The commercial operators (especially First bus and train companies) must recognise that their commercial interests are best served by working together to maximise public transport use;
- The MPs for Bristol and its hinterland must work together to win DfT support for a public transport hub here;

*At present, neither the city council nor local MPs have declared any interest in making all this happen. The Green Party presented the council with a petition calling for a state-of-the-art transport hub at Temple Meads on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March.*

*More must be done to make the Temple Meads hub a reality.*

# vote Green!

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BRISTOL SOUTH - **CHARLIE BOLTON**  
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