



## Northern Slopes Initiative Report on NSI Plan – Imagine the Slopes in 2030... consultation. Final agreed - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting

This report covers what happened with the consultation launched on 10<sup>th</sup> February on the draft Plan; and how the comments received have been treated.

The Plan has been developed by the NSI as a response to ongoing changes in the Slopes and the wider world. More people and wildlife are using the Slopes, but there are fewer resources (time, money and people) available from organisations such as the City Council to help maintain and improve the Slopes. As stated in the plan the NSI is seeking its own direction.

The Consultation was developed so that the NSI could better understand what people were thinking about the Slopes and the future; and then compare the responses to the ideas and changes which the NSI were already thinking about; while keeping an eye on the positive role that the Slopes could play in the future.

This report is about that comparison; and how changes to the draft Plan were considered.

Considering the level of responses and their detail, the following decisions were taken by the Northern Slopes Initiative Committee. **Responses are shown in red.**

**Q1**

**Do you wish to continue with producing the Plan – Yes or No? **Yes****

**Q2**

**If yes, to the question above – do you agree that we go**

- a) With no change in terms of approach**
- b) Or use one of the changes on Table 1 below – **agreed that we strengthen priority 1 which covers activities and link other priorities into it better. See changes below.****

**Q3**

**Do you agree with the design as set out in the draft, or prefer to amend the design using some of the suggestions in Table 2? If the latter which one... **Agreed to amend design by including photographs on pages which currently don't have photos – as a strip of colour.****

#### Q4

Do you agree with any of the text changes raised in Table 5 below – taking each one in turn? **Actions changed in line with proposals – plus small alterations made to text to help clarify the text.**

#### Q5

Bearing in mind the recommendations; and comments and responses in Annex B below – are there other changes you think should happen to the document? **No**

#### Q6

Is the Committee prepared to use the Plan as stated in the Recommendations? **Yes as amended, but need others including the Council, Councillors; plus people and organisations to help.**

#### 1 Consultation – dates, who was contacted etc.

The draft Plan was launched on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The consultation consisted of two parts

- A draft Plan, available digitally or in hard copies, open for comments; and
- A Survey Monkey survey about people's views of the Slopes, potential improvements that could be made; and potential opportunities for activities on the Slopes. It also asked whether the new Vision for the Slopes was acceptable.

Distribution of information

- Plan and survey launched on NSI website – 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Plan and survey promoted on NSI Facebook Page – 19<sup>th</sup> February
- 560 flyers delivered by hand to houses immediately adjacent to the Slopes on the roads listed in Annex A between 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- 42 digital or hard copies of the plan delivered to subscribers to the NSI newsletter (including 5 local Councillors and BCC Parks Department officers) – 12 February 2019
- Two hard copies of the Plan sent as requested by people who had received flyers
- Two early morning events (8am to 9am) on Glyn Vale and Kingswear Road held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March where 25 flyers were handed out.
- Posters put up in the locations listed in Annex A by 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Additionally, a number of organisations received a digital link to the Plan website as follows:

Walking groups – 3

Cycling groups – 2

Local community organisations – 12

Churches with a direct interest in the Slopes - 2

Local Primary Schools – 5

Fire service – 1

Police - 1

Environmental Non-Government Organisations - 8

Equality and Health groups – 1

Planning and Design organisations – 3

Mayor - 1

Young people organisations – 1

Care home - 1

Offers were made to hold discussions with the organisations if they wanted to.

The offer was not taken up by any organisation.

The following organisations/individuals distributed information:

Bristol Parks Forum – circulated information by email – February 2019

Bristol Naturalist Society– circulated information in Newsletter – March 2019

Bristol Walking Alliance – circulated information by email April 2019

The Ramblers – circulated information by Newsletter March 2019

Malago Greenway Group/Berry Maze – circulated information by email March 2019

Redcliffe Live – tweeted about the consultation – 29<sup>th</sup> February

Northern Echoes – tweeted about the consultation – 12<sup>th</sup> February

Others may have done something as well, but this hasn't been picked up.

## **2 Media publicity:**

7 traditional and online media organisations were directly contacted.

In response there were:

- Articles in both South Bristol Voice newspapers (Totterdown and Knowle; Southville and Bedminster editions).  
March 2019

- Article in the Knowledge (circulation Knowle West and parts of Knowle and Windmill Hill) – February 2019

### **3 Who replied?**

#### **3.1 Number of comments received:**

**As of 2nd April – 75 responses had been received**, combining those who had answered directly about the Plan and those using the online survey.

10 replies (13%) were from the Plan consultation; 65 responses (87%) were from the online Survey

It is possible that people may have responded in two ways, but the numbers are likely to be very small.

Where people in reply to the Plan did not make it clear whether they were writing on their behalf or an organisation – if they used a Personal Address it was assumed that they were individuals; a group address – that they were representing an organisation.

A filter was put on the online survey to ensure that parties could not “bomb” the survey with multiple responses from the same digital location.

#### **3.2 Source of comments:**

**Individuals – 70 (93%)**

**Groups/Organisations – 5 (7%)** 3 Bristol wide; 2 local.

#### **3.3 Response to Plan and Web based survey**

The Plan

**10 responses - 100% of replies in support of the Plan.**

**Some made comments to improve the Plan, or asked for actions to be carried out.**

Survey Monkey web based survey

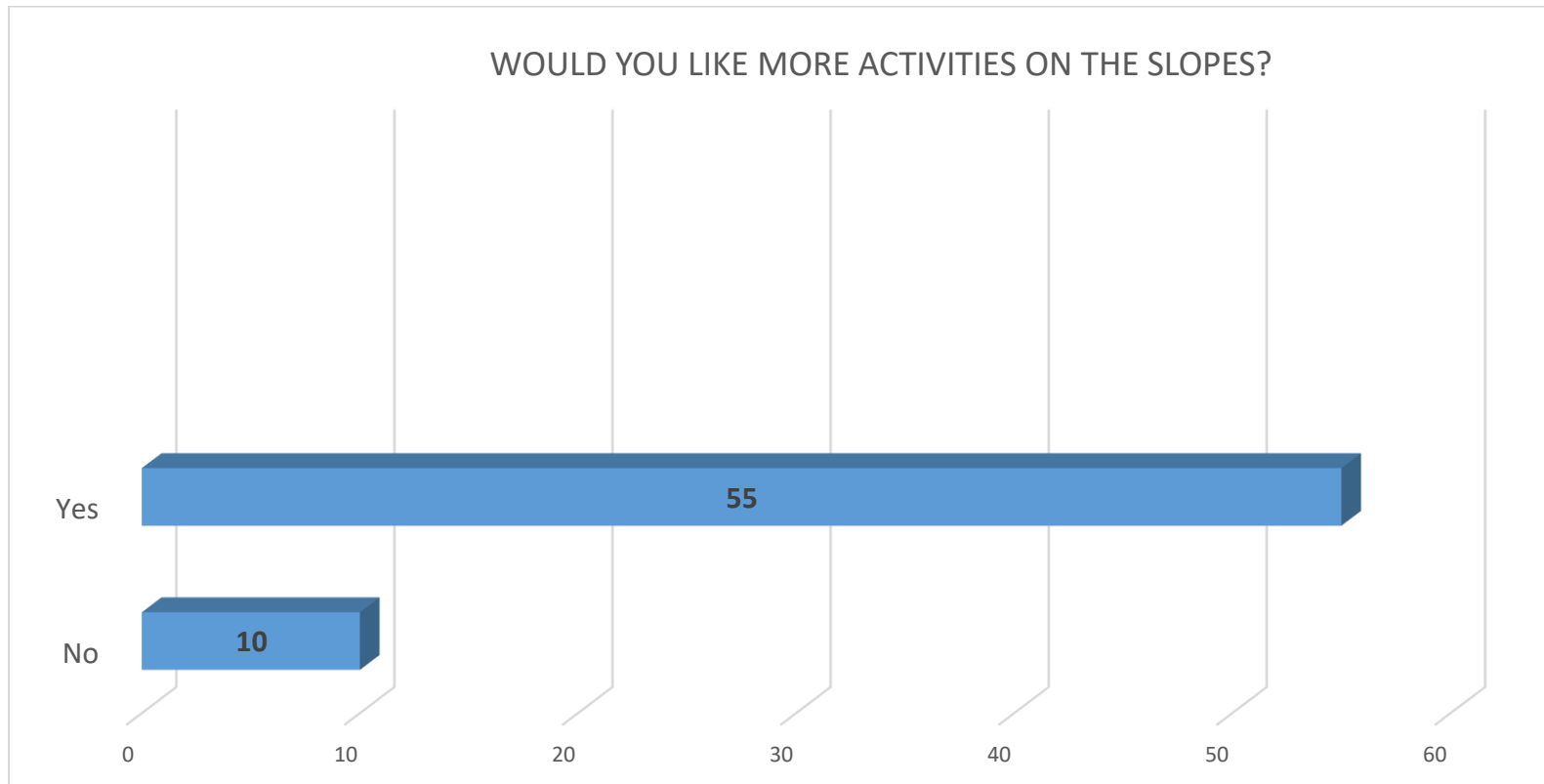
**65 Responses**

Q1 what do you like about the Slopes? – **64 responses**

For detail of individual comments see Annex B

Q2 what would you like to change about the Slopes? – **62 responses**  
For detail of individual comments see Annex B

Q3 would you like more activities on the Slopes? – **65 responses**  
**Yes = 55; No = 10**



Q4 If you said yes to Q3 what type of activities would you like to see

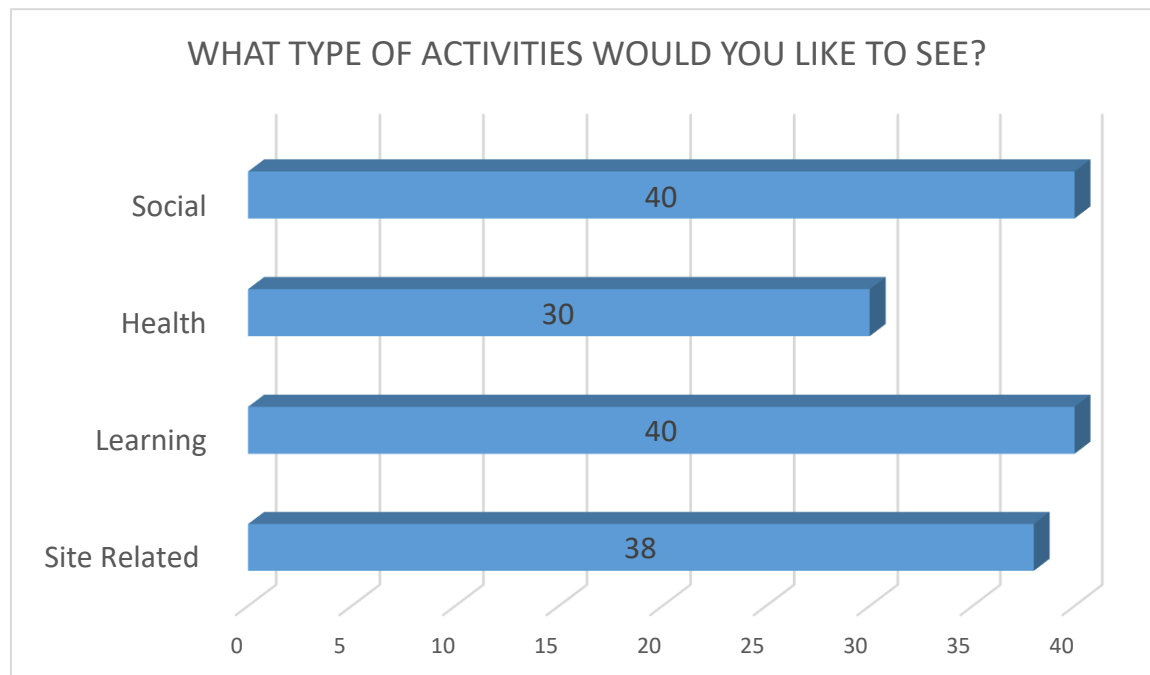
**65 Responses.** People could have chosen more than one option.

**Social – 40 responses - picnics, social events, family days etc**

**Health – 30 responses - walking, running, cycling, mindfulness etc**

**Learning – 40 responses - searching for wildlife, looking at the night sky, foraging for food etc**

**Site Related – 38 responses - managing the vegetation, improving accesses and paths across the Slopes etc**



Q5 Do you agree that the Slopes should be a nature reserve for the well-being of people and wildlife?

**65 Responses**

**Yes – 100%**

Q6 Please add the first three characters of your Postcode.

**BS3 – 33**

BS3 covers not only the area around the north, east and west of the Slopes, but Bedminster, Windmill Hill and Southville.

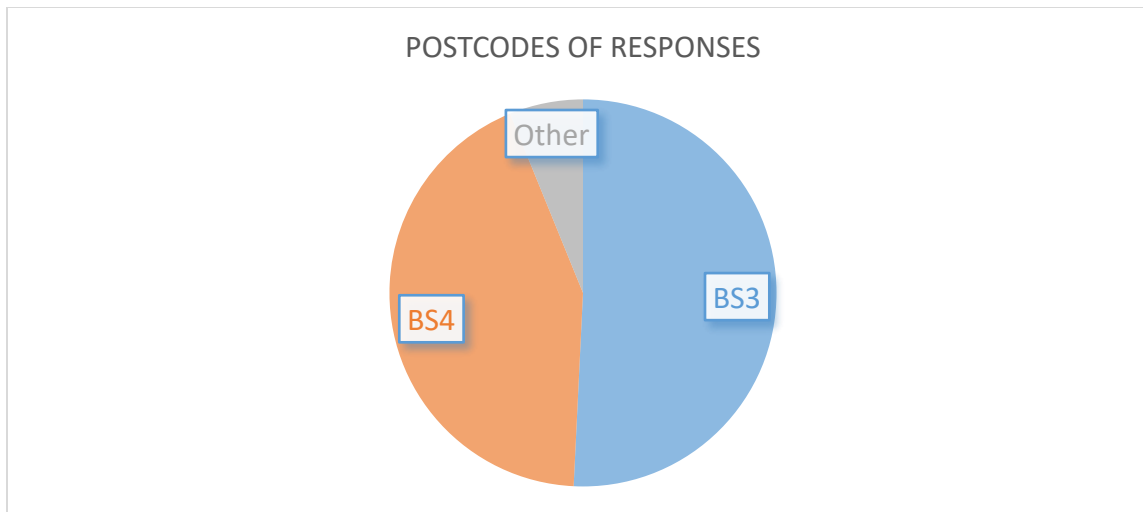
**BS4 – 28**

BS4 covers not only the area around the south of the Slopes, but Knowle, Knowle Park, Brislington and Totterdown.

**BS5 – 1**

**BS7 – 2**

**BS10 - 1**



**4 Comments received and possible changes to the Plan:**

NOTE: All responses have been made non-attributable.

### **Table 1 Comments received on approach of the Plan –**

There were no comments received on the approach – the recommendations below are based on consideration of the overall tone of the consultation responses.

<b>Originator</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response - decision</b>
Report Author	Refocus actions only on activities and dealing with issues. Only cover Priorities 1, 3 and 5. Delete priorities 2 and 4.	Not agreed – need to concentrate on more than just activities and issues.
Report Author	Review list of actions to improve coverage of activities and issues; but without losing the wider future perspective. Strengthen Priority 1 and link into others. See text changes below.	Agreed.
Report Author	Do not change the draft. Broadly in line with comments.	Agreed for main part of text – other than actions.

### **Table 2 Comments received on the Design of the Plan –**

There were no comments received on the design – the recommendations below are based on a view of changes made to prepare for the Consultation.

<b>Originator</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response - decision</b>
Report Author	Front Page – describe location of photo as on consultation poster	Agreed – add title – View of central Bristol and Windmill Hill from Kingswear Road Open Space
Report Author	Reinstate photos to all pages as originally intended. NB: size of file increases to 34MB. This is too large to email.	Not agreed. While pictures on all pages – not just front and back would give the document a distinctive look. Would remain too big to email.
Report Author	Loss of photos of people means less personal than it could be. Insert as specific picture within text children rolling down the hill on Page 3; and Smiling volunteer on Page 9 in It's all down to you.	Not agreed. Re-instating pictures to all pages – perhaps as strips rather than behind the text.



**Table 3 – Comments receive on Survey Q1 – What do you like about the Slopes?**

Summary of responses – by type. 64 Responses – 140 Separate Comments

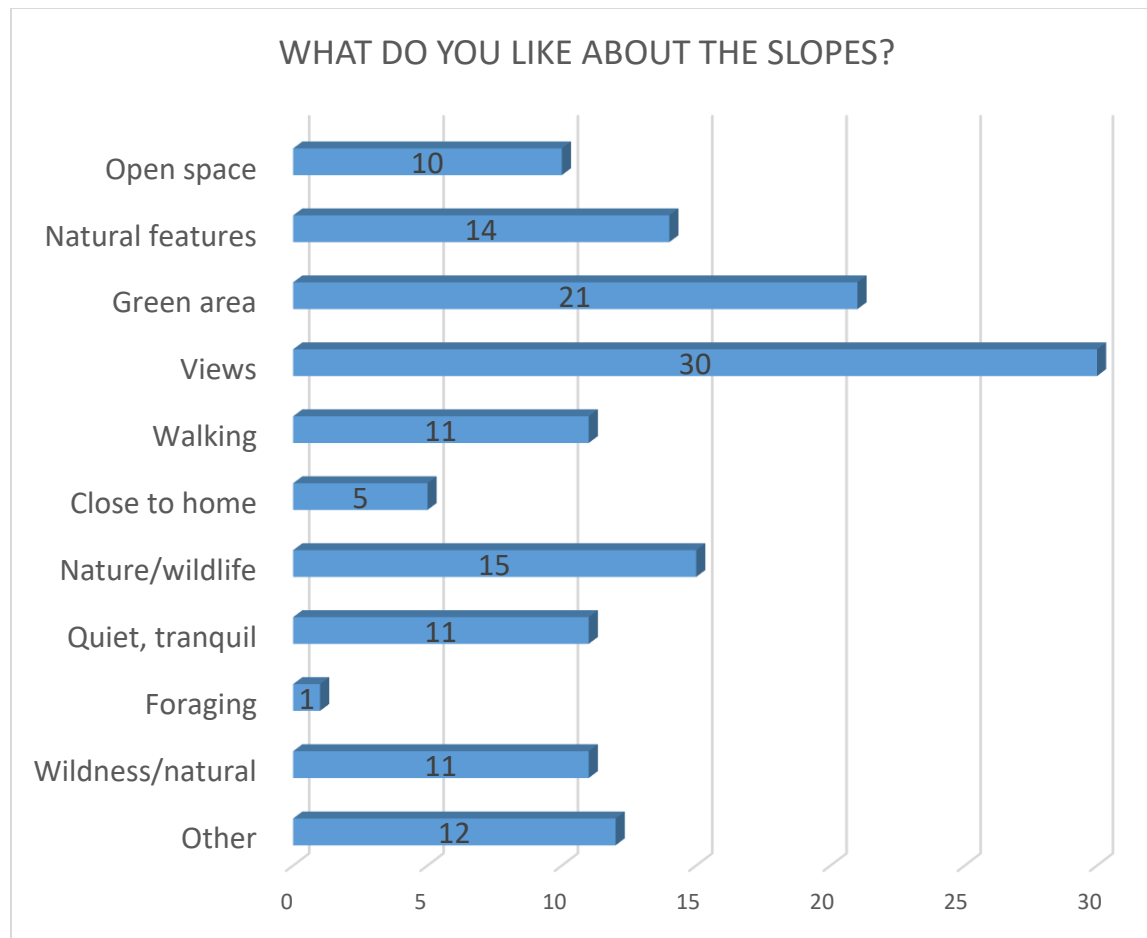
Natural features covers – comments on the Stream, Water Features, Woodland, Trees, and Vegetation

Walking covers – walking, walking the dog, and taking children/toddlers for walks.

Nature/Wildlife – covers general comments about nature and comments on species

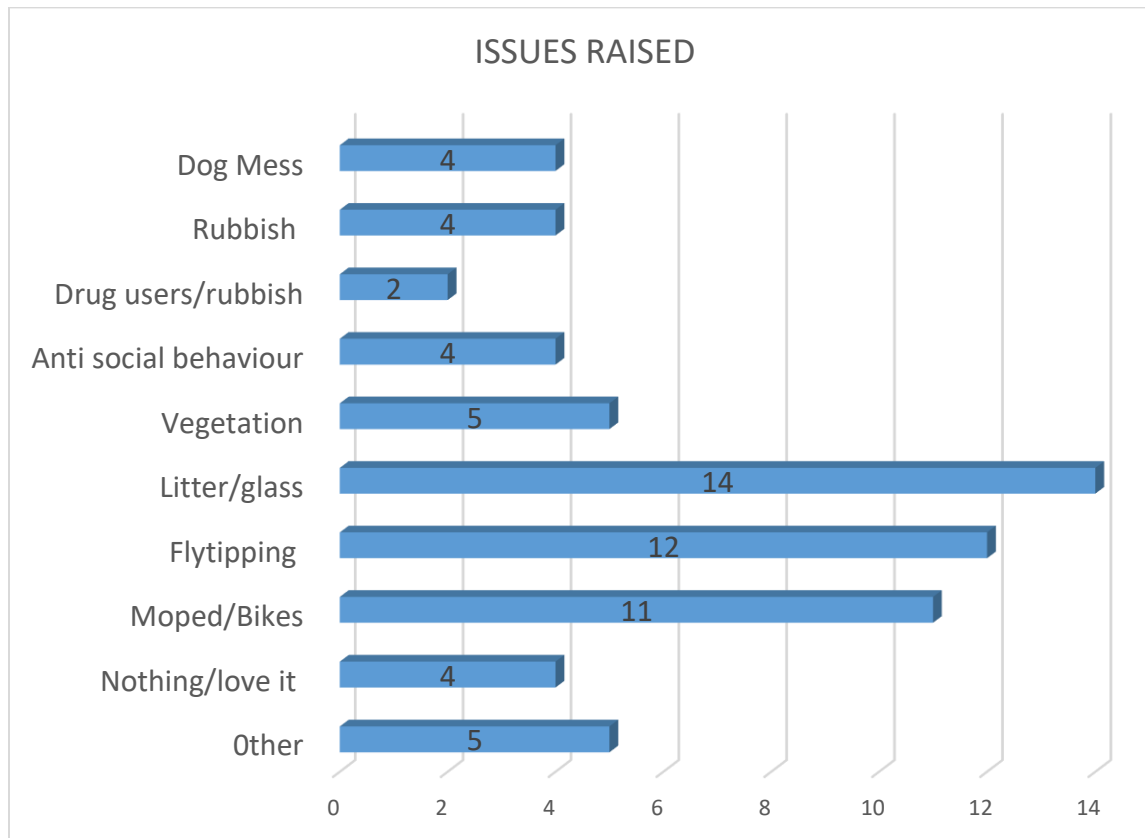
Quiet/Tranquil – covers comments about quietness, stress reduction, relaxation, enjoyment and peaceful

Other – covers single responses including: nothing, use of routes through the Slopes, and implications of pathways/accesses etc.



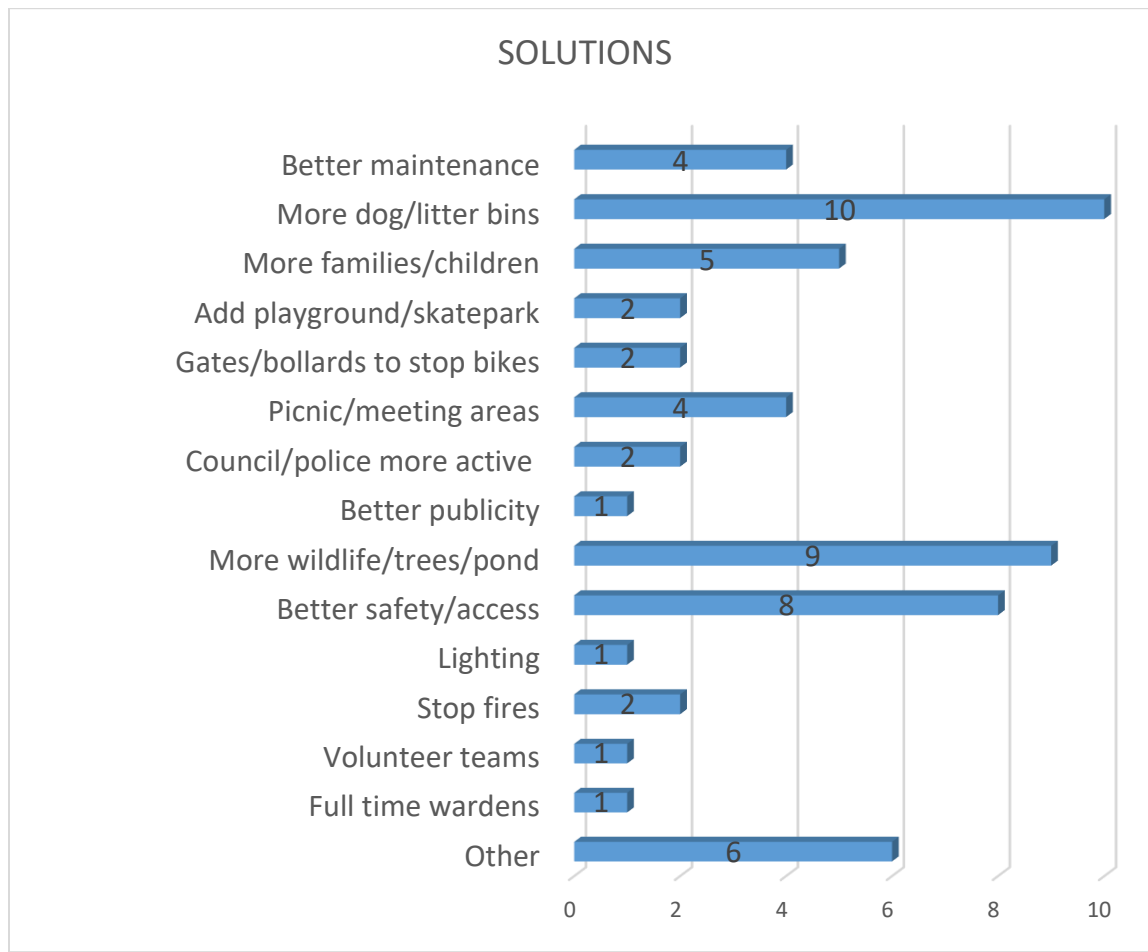
**Table 4 – Comments received on Survey Q2 - what would you like to change about the Slopes?**  
 Summary of responses – by whether raised an issue – or suggested solutions.  
 62 responses. 123 individual comments.

Raised an issue – 65 comments



Other Covers single responses on – Not sure (2 responses); Kingswear a wasteland, would love to take my kids there if there was more to do; too late to stop Quietway; less abuse of site.

## Solutions offered – 58 comments



Other covers single responses on – Young people to have decisions on Slopes; Grit boxes; Large area where dogs are banned; more enjoyment; make it a loved space; and dog owners fined for poo.

**Table 5 – Potential changes to the Text:**

The recommendations here are derived from the responses made. No comment means no comments made on existing text.

The main changes relate to a new emphasis of Priorities and Planned Activities to “communicate the benefits”, “solve problems” and “create activities” while not forgetting the future.

Priority area 1 is simplified and matched to the headings used in the web based survey;

Priority area 2 – reduced to one action enable more protection;

Priority area 3 – one action removed to ensure wildlife only;

Priority area 4 – one action changed to delivery of this plan; and

Priority area 5 – new action to link back to Priority 1, and new action on bins added.

<b>Current text</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Reason Why?</b>
<b>Front Page and Intro Page 2</b>	No change – other than update to 11 year plan, rather than 12.	No comments made. It is now 2019, rather than 2018. <b>Update date.</b>
<b>The Community Page 3 to 5</b>	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
<b>Tomorrow Page 6 to 8</b>	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
<b>Vision statement</b> – By 2030 the Northern Slopes will be a nature reserve for health and well-being	By 2030 the Northern Slopes will be a nature reserve for the health and well-being of people and wildlife.	Identifies who will benefit. See general comments on what is good about the Slopes. 100% support in response. <b>Agreed</b>
<b>Priority 1 – The Northern Slopes benefits the health of our community</b>	The Slopes benefits the health and well-being of our community.	Matches Vision better. Makes the link between being involved in the Slopes and health/well-being benefits. <b>Agreed</b>
1a – Aim for a year on year increase in the number of people engaged in activities as a result of our work	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
1e – Assess the feasibility of extending our activities 1b – Visit schools and provide tours for local schools to raise awareness of the Slopes 1c – Explore extending Green Gym activities so than an increase in volunteers is achieved	1b Explore how to work with others to extend our activities to cover social, health, learning and site based activities (Examples include visiting schools, arranging tours for schools and groups, arranging specialist walks, extending Green Gym and My Wild Child to other parts of the Slopes, organising dark sky events, walking and running events (including the	Significant support for more activities in consultation – fewer actions in this Priority and in the plan overall will help communicate and report on what we have to do. <b>Agreed.</b>

1d – Engage and work with Avon Wildlife Trust to expand the My Wild Child project across the Slopes 1f Increase healthy activities including walking and running 1g Organise family activities, such as a picnic day with support from local artists and performers; and an annual teddy bear sponsored walk to raise funds; 1h Promote the annual pipe walk with St Mary Redcliffe Church.	pipe walk), picnic days, an annual teddy bear sponsored walk to raise funds, and fairy and adventure activities).	
Moved from priority 2a	1c Apply for funding to support our activities and where possible partner with other community organisations	Supports activities in Priority 1 <b>Agreed</b>
<b>Priority 2 Safeguard the Slopes for current and future generations</b>	No change	No comments made – comments on this made in responses <b>Agreed</b>
2a moved to Priority 1c above		Concentrates activities in Priority 1
2b Lobby politicians and other organisations to safeguard the existing footprint of the Slopes and expand them where possible	2b Lobby politicians and other organisations to safeguard the existing footprint of the Slopes and expand them where possible (eg: through planning system and achieving more protection such as dark sky status).	Gives examples of what can be done. <b>Agreed. We can organise as many events or deal with as many problems, as we like, but if the Slopes are no longer there in the future. Lobbying covers communication generally as well as specific actions.</b>
<b>Priority 3 – The Slopes are a flourishing space for wildlife</b>	No change	No comment made – general theme of responses <b>Agreed</b>
3a Encourage local residents to undertake wildlife surveys/monitoring	Encourage local residents to undertake wildlife surveys/monitoring through existing initiatives (eg: BS3 wildlife, Bioblitz, RSPB, Butterfly Conservation surveys)	Provides more detail on how <b>Agreed</b>
3b Protect and enhance the wildlife interests of the site (eg: wildflowers for pollinators)	Protect and enhance the wildlife interests of the site (eg: wildflowers for pollinators, hibernacula for reptiles, ongoing management activities).	Provides more detail on how <b>Agreed</b>
3c Arrange for specialists to visit and lead walks on the Slopes	Moved to 1b above.	Concentrates activities in Priority 1 – one comment on wanting to know more about bats

3d Apply for dark skies status	Moved to 2b above	Concentrates safeguarding into Priority 2
3e Attend training to help us do more for wildlife	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
<b>Priority 4 More people are involved in the improvement of the Slopes</b>	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
4a Recruit a volunteer activities coordinator	No change	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
4b Consult local people and groups on this plan	Listen to and talk to local people and groups on the delivery of this plan.	Change to future actions and pick up questions raised in consultation responses about what we do <b>Agreed</b>
4c Increase the membership of the Friends of Group during the course of this plan	Increase the membership of the Friends of Group	Deleted timescale as Plan runs to 2030 <b>Agreed</b>
4d Encourage new members (especially young people) as members of the NSI management Core Group; or as advisors to the group	No change	No comments made – one comment on involving young people in consultation <b>Agreed</b>
4e Change the constitution of the NSI, so that it reflects our values	Change the constitution of the NSI, so that it reflects our values, a wider geographical area of interest; and how we respond to wider issues such as Health and Social issues, climate emergency, wildlife loss etc.	See postcode responses to consultation – current area of interest to be widened. Also links better into wider context of the Plan which will change over time. <b>Agreed</b>
<b>5 Ensure the Slopes become a destination for people</b>	No change	<b>Agreed</b>
NEW 5a	Use activities in Priority 1 and 3 to ensure more people are aware of the value of the Slopes to them	<b>Agreed</b>
NEW 5b	Ensure with the City Council/Bristol Waste that bins for litter and dog poo are provided across the Slopes	Added to reflect response to consultation <b>Agreed</b>
5a Explore making more of water features on the Slopes	No change – 5c	No comments made – one comment on pond in responses <b>Agreed</b>
5b Produce crystal clear on-site maps for everyone	No change – 5d	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>

5c New and welcoming accesses situated at all entrances	No change – 5d	No comments made – a number of comments on accesses in responses <b>Agreed</b>
5d Improve and increase our online and social media presence	No change – 5f	No comments made <b>Agreed</b>
5e More seating, picnic tables and art work on the Slopes	5g More seating, picnic tables, children’s play features and art work on the Slopes	Changed to reflect comments made in consultation. <b>Agreed</b>
5f Explore improvements to accessibility across the site, so that everybody can enjoy the Slopes	No change – 5h	No comments made – a number of responses supported this. <b>Agreed</b>
5g Produce leaflets and posters that promote the Slopes	5h - Produce leaflets and posters that promote the value to people and wildlife of the Slopes, including its positive features and our activities	Changed to reflect views of consultation <b>Agreed</b>
<b>The Northern Slopes Initiative, How to keep in touch/It’s all down to you Page 7 to 10</b>	No change	No comments. <b>Agreed</b>

## 5 Conclusions and Recommendations for the Plan

The NSI has a long tradition of trying to enable people to respond to issues relating to the Slopes in whatever ways they can. For the first time the NSI used both traditional means of asking; and an on-line survey.

Significant work was undertaken to reach out to not only residents next to the Slopes or those use them; but also organisations across Bristol.

The response was good, considering that other consultations on planning issues etc, may only attract a few responses.

The on-line Survey Monkey survey was far more successful than the Plan based methods, possibly because of people’s lack of time to read the whole Plan and the easier access to the Survey. However, there were challenges in translating the on-line survey into the Plan as a number of questions in the survey were open ended.

The responses showed the following points:

- The responses were predominately from the local area around the Slopes
- Very few organisations whether local or Bristol wide responded
- There was 100% support for the new Vision; even those with negative views of the Slopes were happy with it.

- The responses to what was good about the Slopes re-emphasised the positives that are already known about the Slopes.
- The responses to what could be changed – brought up a list of issues which reflected known concerns; and a wide range of solutions are possible. There is no one solution to the issues involved.

The NSI committee will need to consider the recommendations for changes to the Plan above; and the following points:

- Whether the recommendations would be acceptable to the those who have responded **Considerations made**
- Whether combining actions – and adding new ones – reducing the number of actions from 27 to 21 is acceptable **It is**
- How to publish and publicise the final plan – and the supporting report **On website**
- How to live the Values we have agreed **Ongoing work**
- How to engage and work more with Councillors and Organisations to achieve the Plan – would a special meeting help? **Meetings to be arranged as our resources allow**
- How to achieve the actions with others – especially to enable more people to be active on the Slopes and in the NSI **Ongoing**
- How to monitor and report progress on the actions – eg: through the Annual Report to AGM **Agreed**
- Whether to produce a separate table linking the agreed actions to other organisations policies – eg: Bristol City Council and Bristol Parks Forum to help with messages and bids for funding **Agreed**
- Whether changes in the way we communicate messages to people – needs to reflect the Plan, rather than the traditional “we are doing this – join us” approach (eg: explain reasons more). **Agreed**
- How we use the Plan in response to consultations, planning applications – eg: assessing how the proposals contribute to the Plan – or not. **Agreed**
- Agree a review of the Plan – 2027. **Agreed**

Finally, it should be noted that the Plan has been developed to provide evidence of how the NSI will deal with equality issues.

Len Wyatt  
9 May 2019



ANNEX A – details of delivery by hand of flyers and other locations for posters.  
All delivered by 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Delivery by hand:

Wedmore Vale; Glyn Vale, Cavan Walk, Kenmare Road; Clover Close; Novers Park Drive, Novers Park Close, Novers Hill, Lynton Road, Haldon Close, Sidford Road, Ashill Drive, Wingfield Road, Beckington Road, Beckington Close, Stockwood Crescent and Daventry Road.

Other Location for posters/or flyers:

2 NSI noticeboards – The Bommie

1 NSI Noticeboard – Glyn Vale – 9<sup>th</sup> March onwards

2 NSI Noticeboards – The Novers/Novers Common

Glyn Vale Shop

PO Melvin Square

The Park, Daventry Road

Filwood Community Centre

Knowle West Media Centre

Knowle West Health Park table for flyers

Doctors Surgery – Knowle West Health Park

Doctors Surgery – Marksbury Road

Knowle Library – included copy of the Plan

Marksbury Road Library – included copy of the Plan

Filwood Library – included copy of the Plan

ANNEX B – details of all responses received in date order of receipt on the Plan. All responses are non-attributable.

Originator	Comment	Response - recommendation
Individual	I read the plan and think it is excellent. Very impressive piece of work. I like the ideas for more activities.	Activities given more priority in the Plan
Individual	Make good the path from the top of Novers steps to Kingswear Road. This would add to the network of routes and help attract more people to walk on the Slopes. It would come under Priority 1 and 5 in the Plan. Create a walking route along the top slopes of Glyn Vale site – to complement the lower level route.	Could be taken forward as improvements to accessibility
Organisation	Well done for taking a pro-active approach. It fits in very nicely with the Mayor's decision to double the amount of wildlife within Bristol as part of the One City Plan.	Noted
Organisation	It is lovely to see how you present the Slopes and how nature and wildlife are so important. Our proposals for funding are well aligned with your priorities. If we get funding we will then be able to look at how we help deliver work on the Slopes	Will confirm willingness to work with you, when funding is available.
Individual	Have you considered a cable car up the Slopes with the viewing point at the top commercialised to bring in funds for the rest of the Slopes?	Yes we did think about this as an option, but felt the effect on the character and maintenance of the Slopes needs to be considered. Could be too negative.
Organisation	Encouraging more people to use the area could pose a slight security risk to us. We have had a number of break ins/damage and significant harm (death) to animals. Telling people that the Slopes are free for everyone to enjoy, may cause confusion if	We will talk to you about any changes that we are responsible for and keep our communications going.

	<p>people think it applies to other areas next to the Slopes.</p> <p>Need to ensure that making access easier would not bring more vehicles (dirt/quad bikes etc) on the site.</p> <p>Increasing diversity of the Slopes is a fantastic idea with planting etc; and I would say keep it rustic and have as little building/structures as possible so nature can really do its thing.</p>	
Organisation	We will support this vision wherever we can!	Thankyou
Individual	Thanks for the Plan and interesting vision. Very interested about birds and bats. I enjoy noting what birds I can hear singing from the Slopes and interesting to understand more about the bats.	See action about specialist walks
Individual	Trees and woodland would benefit from maintenance (eg: control of fast growing plants such as Ivy and Bramble; and regular removal of litter at the right times.	See actions relating to site based activities
Organisation	Could getting children and parents; and schools involved in the Slopes improve the ownership of the space? Getting them involved in the maintenance would show them how hard it is to do and potentially increase respect for what you do. Try putting messages out through school newsletters.	Need to talk to schools first and develop our own resources to do this.

Details of all responses received to Q1 – what do you like about the Slopes?  
 Where a response covered more than one point, these have been recorded separately  
 64 responses. 140 separate comments.

Kingswear – It is a safe route	Kingswear – its free of illegally parked cars and crazy motorcyclists	Lovely views
Lovely stream and woodland	Litter picked regularly	The views
Sense of open space	Birdsong	Quiet
Open space	Views	Berry Picking
Stream	Green space to walk through	Great views
Open space	Trees	Views across the city
Views	Amazing green spaces	Trees
Green	Views	The variety across all the sites
Woodland	Water	Green Area
Views of the city	Gently rolling woodland	Stunning views
Views	Green space beyond my garden maintained for the whole community and protected from building initiatives	Great place for children to play
Great place to walk the dog	The views	Green space
Trees	Views	Space
Nature	Essential green area for the city	Wildness
View	Walking with my children	Walking the dog
Close to my house	Good views	Accessible local green space
Fairly wild	Perfect for toddler sized adventures	Natural
No designated play areas	Idea for dog walking	A wild place in the middle of the urban jungle
The owls!	The blackthorn thickets on Novers	Views
Variety of spaces	Quiet and tranquil area	I can walk the dog near where I live
Water features on the Bommie that are beautiful and fun for children	Green space close to my house	Being able to enjoy nature
An area where nature can thrive	Area where people can relax	Area which people can enjoy whilst promoting their health
Not to built up and tampered with	Allows nature in all its glory to do what it does best	Open space
Views	Ability to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life	Vegetation and greenery
Nature	Green area in south Bristol	Wild and untouch nature

Winding horse trails	Beautiful sunset views over Bristol	Love the fact that nature is so close in the middle of a city
Its big and green	Awesome view over Bristol	Nothing it is boring
Open space	Scenery	Green and flowers
Open space	Greenery	Green Space
Right next to my house	Openness of it	Wildness of it
Back to nature lovely area	Lovely big open space	Amazing views
Views of Bristol	The view	The view
The feeling of quiet	Feeling of wildness	Peaceful
Open green space	Lovely	Relaxing place to walk
Enjoy wildlife	Local to me	A wonderful natural area in the city where we can connect with nature
Where we can de-stress	Important green space for people	Important green space for wildlife
It's a beautiful slice of much needed nature	Large areas of grass, trees and undergrowth	Still fairly wild
Free to wander over by all	A varied native green space	In reach of a lot of people
Undisrupted views	Great area to walk in	Great views
A touch of countryside in an urban area	Green space	It makes you feel like you've escaped from the city
Views	Variety of wildlife and vegetation	Size of unspoiled space
The wildness	I can tolerate the rubbish dumped by some	The proliferation of paths in the name of accessibility compromises the Slopes as a haven for wildlife.
I appreciate the the need for easy access for those on or pushing 2 or 4 wheels, but there is a need for balance	Nature	Peace
Views	Able to enjoy different habitats	It is very close to where I live
Its great for walking	It is great for seeing the Bristol skyline	Love the wood area near the allotments
Open green space to explore	Woodland to roam in	The view
Quick route to Bedminster	Lovely woodland	

Details of all responses received to Q2 – what would you liked to change about the Slopes  
 Where a response covered more than one point, these have been recorded seperately  
 62 Responses. 123 Individual comments.

Better maintenance	Grit boxes available	Dog mess cleaned – owners heavily fined
Kingswear is just a wasteland – would love to take my kids there	Less rubbish from people’s gardens	Police or neighbourhood watch to check the area in the evening for drug users
Too many needles from drug use in summer months being left behind	Litter	Flytipping
Brambles cut back	More bins	Major work to reduce litter
Major work to reduce anti-social behaviour	A lot of mess seems to come from bored kids and whatever gets dumped is thrown around	More community activities
Anti-social behaviour	Rubbish	Mopeds
Glass on paths	Keep it clean	Add playground
Grass cut	Litter picked up	Bollards to stop mopeds
Used for dumping everything by the local community	Race course by moped/quad bike youths	Large parts of Slopes feel unsafe due to dumping and bikes
Litter	Broken glass	Fly Tipping
Litter – are there volunteer days for picking it up?	Like it preserved for the local community to enjoy	Like it preserved for the flora and fauna
Needs large areas where dogs are banned	Better publicity so that people know about them, to visit and use them.	Nothing actually
To be protected as a vital area for the local community	Improvements for families to use	Better gates to keep out mopeds and bikes
More bins to encourage people not to litter	Picnic area on some high spots with views	More poo bins
Litter	Horrible motorbikers	More ways for young people to have a say on decisions about the Slopes
Less easy for people to fly tip	Less easy for people to leave litter	Less easy for people to vandalise trees
Council to provide and manage bins	Council and police to take more active role in looking after area	Drug paraphenlia throughout site make it unsafe for children
Lack of communal meeting area – need picnic areas, places where activities regularly take place	Stop motorbikers coming in and spoiling the area	Prevention of fly tipping
More diversity in trees/planting	A pond?	Cleared of rubbish
More lighting	Make them more accessible to older people	Remove hiding areas for people to make trouble and do drugs

People have set fire to the trees	Like to see it a more popular area for people to walk	Like to see it an area were people spend time close to nature
More recycling bins	No destructive human development	Parts of it are inaccessible – like this to change
It is terrible it is used as a local dumping ground	Skate park/Kids park – Something to do	Stop the Slopes growing over
Make it better for wildlife	More wildlife flowers	More cleaning volunteers
Activities in the area for children	The amount of dog poo	More dog poo bins
More bins in general	Regular grass cutting on the Bommie	Nothing
Stop motor/quad bikes using it	Stop people littering	Stop dog poo
Dog poo	Kids on motorbikes and mopeds	Make the top more accessible
Tidy up the entrance points	Battle the fly tipping	More mowed areas
Much less littering	Much less fly tipping	Much less antisocial behaviour
I love it as it is	Council to state that these sites will have special protection and never be built on.	Employ some full time wardens to litterpick and look after all the sites
Stop scramble bikes going on it	Too late to stop the "quietway".	Other than Glyn Vale – the other sites are just fine as they are
A litter bin	A bench would be useful	Better maintained
Less litter	Dog waste bins needed	Not sure
Fly tipping	Anti social behaviour	Better removal of litter
Provision of bins	Some minor path clearance	Volunteer rubbish collection teams, the less rubbish there is, the more people will stop seeing it as a dumping groun
Stop fly tipping	Stop motorbikes	Stop fires starting
More space for family walks	More space for exploring	More space for picnics
Like to see more people enjoying it	Like to see more people abusing it less	Litter
More measures to make it a protected space	More measures to make it a loved space	Not sure
Reduce motorcycle nuisance	Cut back bramble along steps on the Novers. As brambles make it difficult to hold to the rail. Should be 4 to 6ft gap along the edge.	Unsafe due to bikes

Other responses:

<b>Originator</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response - recommendation</b>
Marvin Rees - Mayor	I'd be keen to see the results in due course.	Agreed copy will be sent
Organisation	Please send us a copy of the results	Agreed copy will be sent