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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
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Thank you for your request for information relating to consultation with disability groups, floating bus stops.

You have requested the following information:

In light of new safety regulations for cycleways, which if any disability groups have been consulted regarding the Clifford Bridge Section of the Binley Cycleway? Could you tell me which groups have been consulted please.
The government have been asked to look into the safety of floating bus stops and safety for pedestrians.

We understand your concern about the safety of floating bus stops and their impact on pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities. We want to assure you that this scheme is being designed in full compliance with the latest safety regulations and guidance, including LTN 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design, which sets the standards for cycleway design in the UK. Furthermore, we are committed to ensuring the scheme meets the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

As part of the design process for this scheme, we have undertaken extensive consultation with a range of stakeholders. Due to COVID restrictions at the time, this involved a large-scale leaflet drop (approximately 11,000), online surveys, and an email address for feedback.

We also directly engaged with the following groups:

• Access Development Group (subgroup of Disability Equality Action Partnership)
• Gosford Park Residents Association

• Stoke Park Residents Group

To further enhance the accessibility of the scheme, members of our design team participated in a site visit and engagement exercise led by Sight Loss Counsel, in association with Active Travel England (ATE) and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM). This session focused specifically on floating bus stops, how people with sight loss/impairment navigate them, and the best practices for design and implementation.

In addition to the consultations, a comprehensive Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out to identify and mitigate any potential negative impacts of the scheme on people with protected characteristics. This assessment informs our design decisions and ensures that the scheme is accessible and inclusive for all.

We also work in close collaboration with ATE, the government body responsible for setting active travel policy and standards and TfWMs Cycling and Walking Team. ATE provides expert advice and guidance throughout the design process, ensuring that schemes meet the highest safety and accessibility standards.

We appreciate your interest in this important project.

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