



# WELCOME

to this exhibition about the Traffic  
Regulation Order for Midland Road  
and Stothert Avenue, Bath

Bath & North East  
Somerset Council





# BATH RIVERSIDE



## OVERVIEW



When the redevelopment of the former Stothert and Pitt works on the southern bank of the River Avon commenced in 2011, it was the start of the biggest regeneration project in the south west.

Due to the location of the site within a World Heritage City, extensive consultation with Bath and North East Somerset Council was needed, along with a range of key stakeholders including Bath Preservation Trust, English Heritage (now Historic England) and UNESCO.

To date over 700 new homes, including townhouses and apartments, have been built including 205 affordable dwellings. The scheme has incorporated designs from

an array of renowned architects including Fielden Clegg Bradley, Studio Egret West, Alison Brooks and Glenn Howells.

Noteworthy aspects of the scheme include the use of traditional materials such as locally mined Bath Stone in a contemporary architectural setting; the construction of significant riverside park areas on the development; an arts strategy devised by a local artist incorporating works from the community.

Improvements to local infrastructure including the new Destructor Bridge across the River Avon form an important part of the development.

### DID YOU KNOW

To date over

**700**

new homes have been created

**205**

of which are affordable



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## THE NEW DESTRUCTOR BRIDGE

The new bridge has been installed to provide access to and from the development. Designed by award winning consultants Flint and Neill, along with Knight Architects, it takes the form of an elegant steel arch. It has two traffic lanes, a cycle lane and a footpath. The bridge links Midland Road north and south of the River Avon.



### HISTORY

The original Destructor Bridge, a single-lane structure dating from the 1870s, was moved to Midland Road in the early 1900s to provide access to the city's incinerator, hence the name. With the redevelopment of Bath Riverside came the opportunity to replace this structure with something fit for purpose to provide access to and from the development.

### THE ROUTE AND CONSTRAINTS

Historically Midland Road provided a southbound traffic link from Upper Bristol Road to Lower Bristol Road. The old bridge was one-way in a southbound direction with the remaining parts of Midland Road operating as two-way for traffic.

The new bridge and road will provide a northbound link through the development between A36 Lower Bristol Road and A4 Upper Bristol Road, and a southbound link between Upper Bristol Road and Bath Riverside. See next board for more detail.

### PLANNING

Permission to demolish the old Destructor Bridge and replace it with the new design was granted by Bath and North East Somerset Council in June 2015.




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## NORTH/SOUTH-BOUND TRAFFIC ROUTES

 Bus gate: only buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians will be permitted to travel between Stothert Avenue and Midland Road

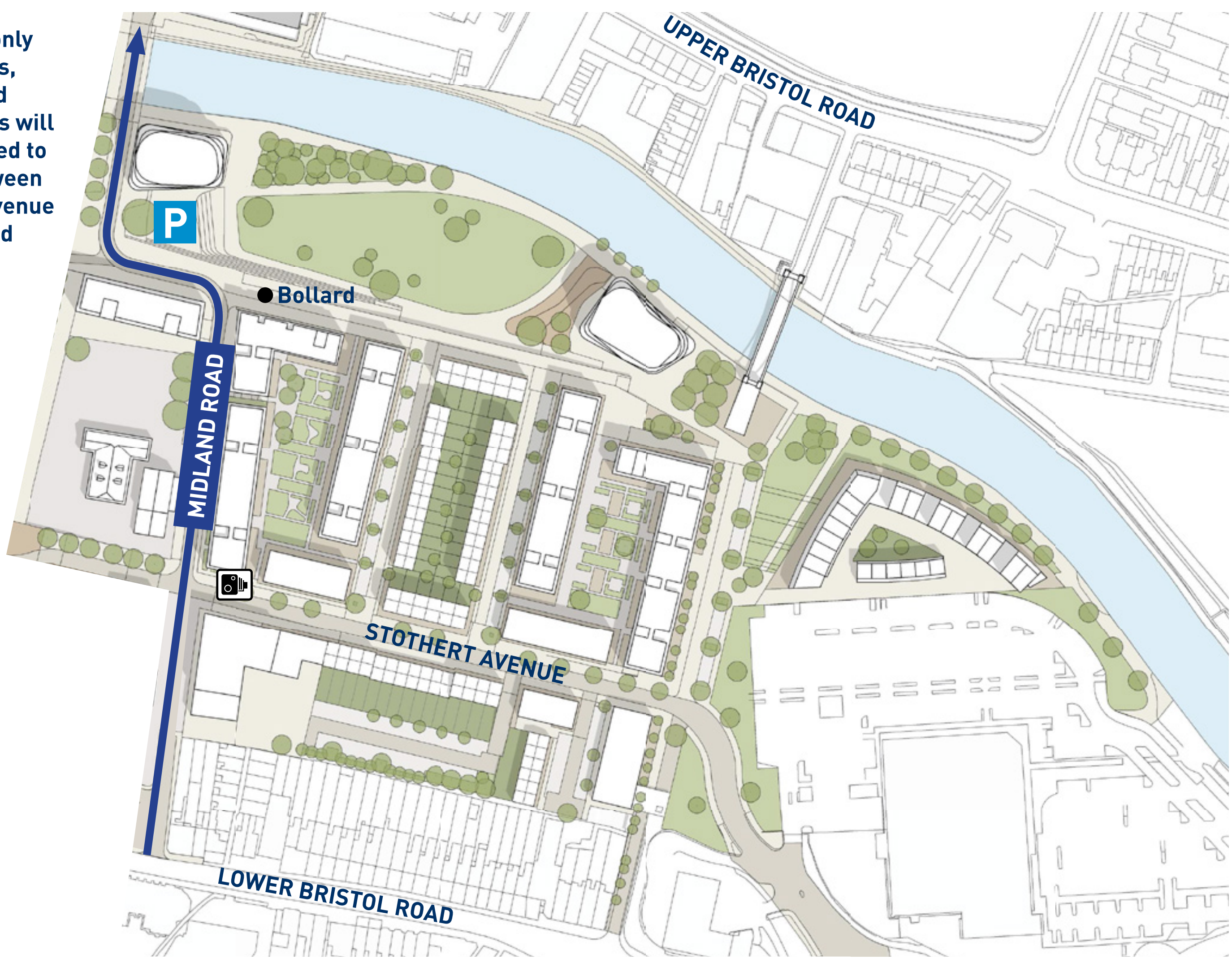


FIGURE 1


### Northbound through-traffic

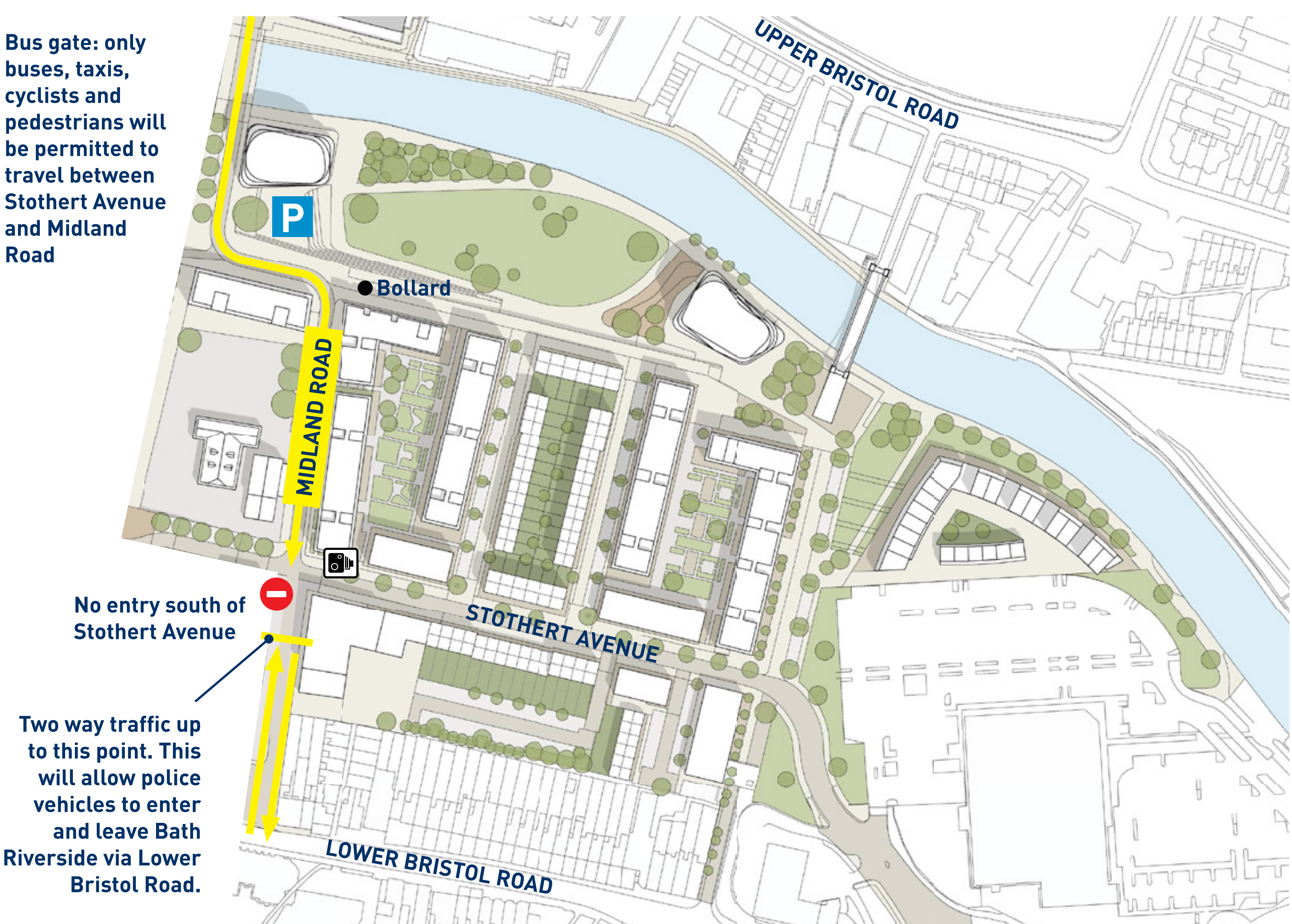
Traffic can travel Northbound from Lower Bristol Road to Upper Bristol Road along the entire length of Midland Road.

FIGURE 2

### Southbound traffic

Traffic can travel from Upper Bristol Road (in order to access commercial units, the park and residential properties) as far as the junction of Midland Road and Stothert Avenue.

 Bus gate: only buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians will be permitted to travel between Stothert Avenue and Midland Road





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## PROPOSED BUS GATE

### PLANNING CONSENT

As part of the planning consent for the redevelopment of Bath Riverside it was agreed with Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES) that a Bus Gate will be provided to support local bus services and help promote the development's sustainable travel credentials.

The proposed Bus Gate will allow buses to access the development to avoid congested areas surrounding the site, providing greater journey time reliability for future passengers.

The development will maintain the three existing access and exit points, these being:

- Access from the A36 Lower Bristol Road;
- Access and exit via A4 Upper Bristol Road; and
- Access and exit via Pines Way.

The Bus Gate requires B&NES to undertake a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to control the traffic and only allow buses and taxis to pass through it. Local residents and businesses as well as the emergency services are being given the opportunity to review and comment on the proposals as part of the process.

During the design process for the Bus Gate a number of alternative locations were considered. Each location was fully designed and presented to the Council for their review. The agreed solution is to locate the Bus Gate at the western end of Stothert Avenue.

Throughout the design process the following types of issues were considered:

- **Enforcement of the Bus Gate, i.e. physical or camera technology;**
- **Signage and awareness; and**
- **Entrapment of large vehicles.**

The Bus Gate will restrict all motor vehicles other than buses and taxis from travelling through the western end of Stothert Avenue (see figure 3). There will not be a physical restriction but Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) will be used to monitor the use of the Bus Gate. Any misuse of the Bus Gate will be dealt with by B&NES.



BUS GATE EXAMPLE




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## BUS GATE AND RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC

 Bus gate: only buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians will be permitted to travel between Stothert Avenue and Midland Road

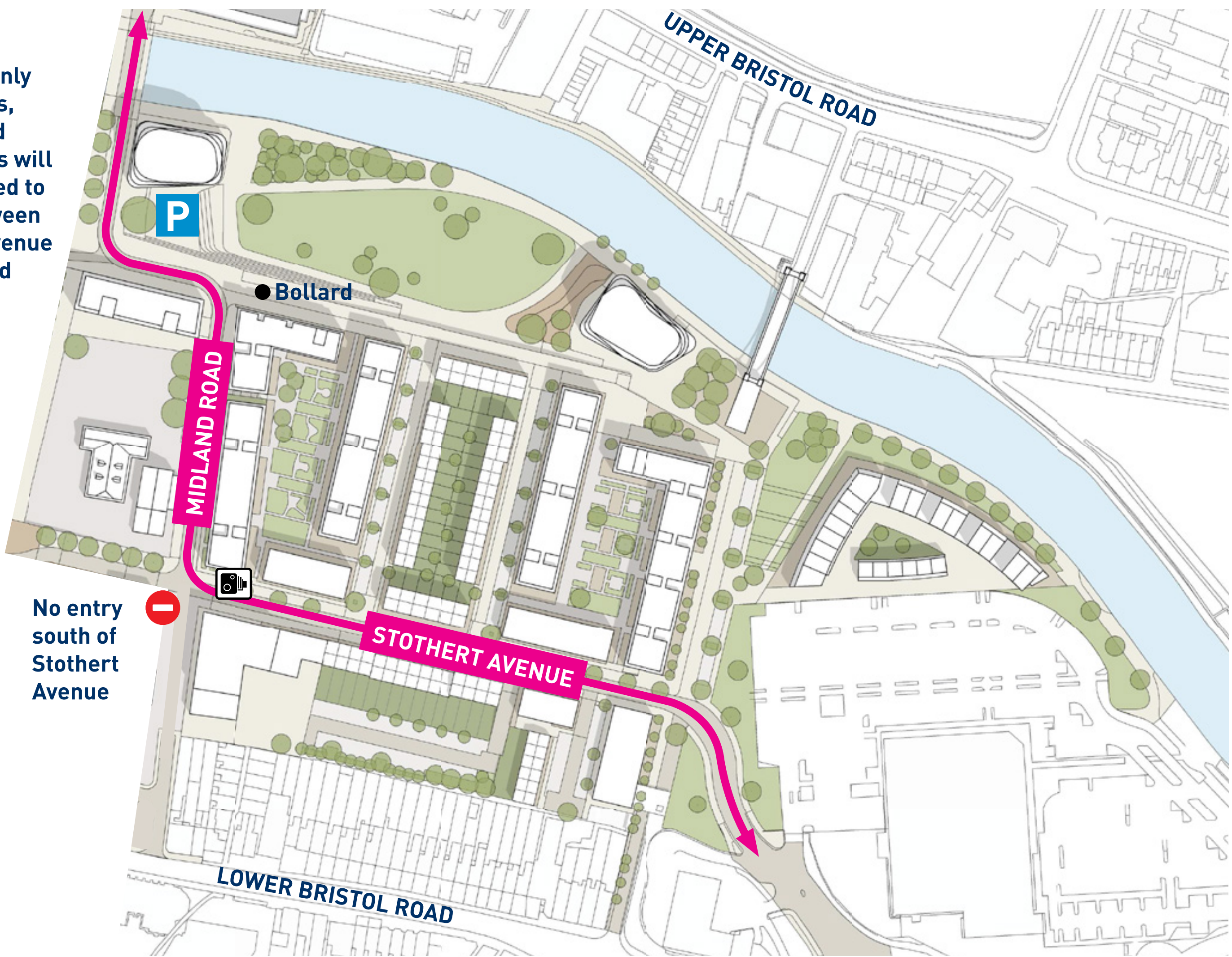


FIGURE 3

### Bus Route

Buses can travel through Bath Riverside via Midland Road and Stothert Avenue.


 Bus route

FIGURE 4

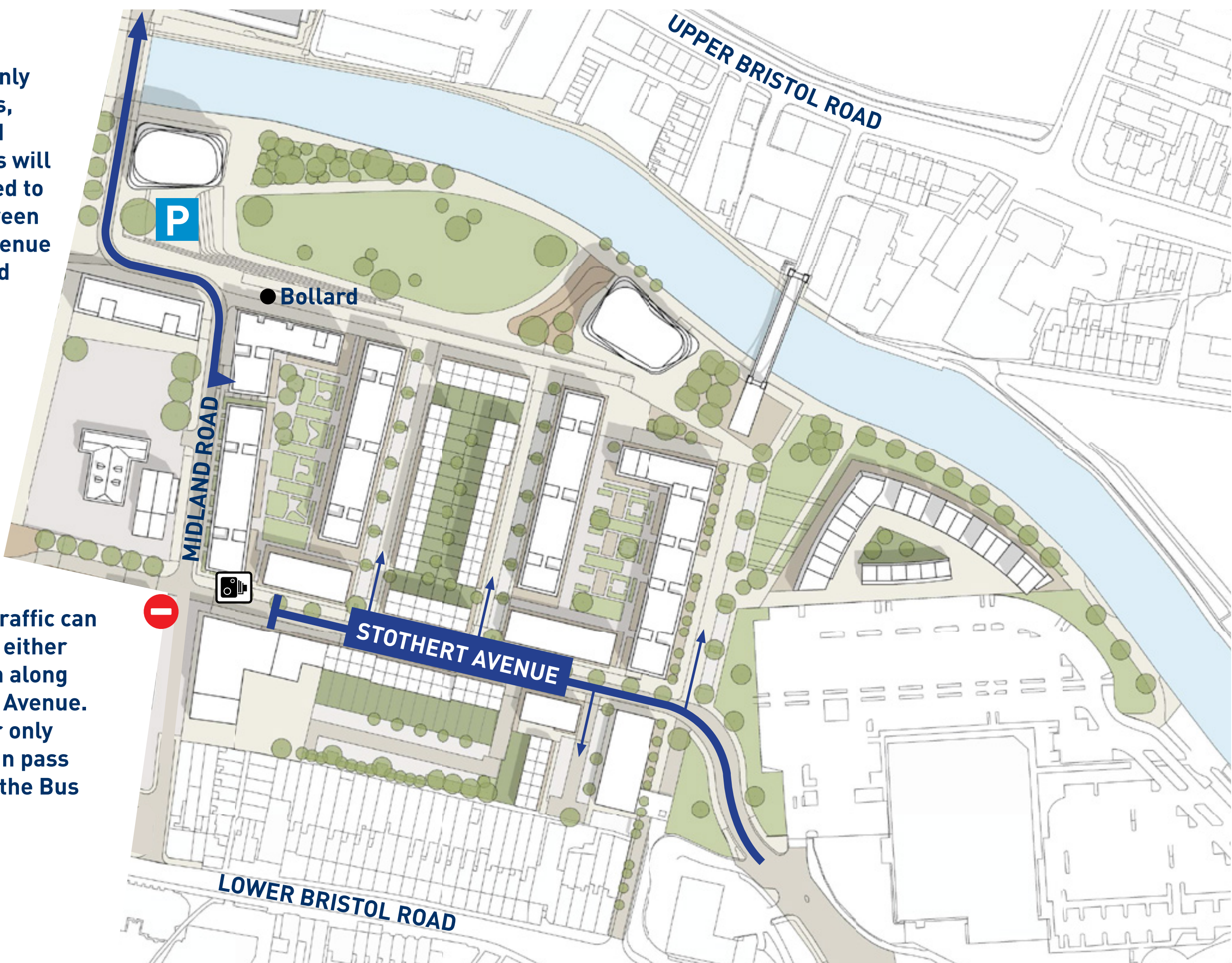
### Residential Traffic

Residential traffic can access Bath Riverside via Midland Road and Stothert Avenue but will be unable to pass through the Bus Gate.

Residential traffic routes 

 Bus gate: only buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians will be permitted to travel between Stothert Avenue and Midland Road

As now traffic can travel in either direction along Stothert Avenue. However only buses can pass through the Bus Gate.





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## BENEFITS AND SUMMARY

**Provides new means of access and exit to Upper Bristol Road.**

**Maintains current access to Pinesway for Bath Riverside residents.**

**Prevents public through-traffic along Stothert Avenue and Bath Riverside in general.**

**Enables a bus service to serve Bath Riverside linking north and south of the river.**

Only buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians will be able to pass through the Bus Gate between Stothert Avenue and Midland Road.



General traffic can travel from Lower Bristol Road to Upper Bristol Road via Midland Road.



There is no through route for motor vehicles (except for buses and taxis) between Upper Bristol Road and Stothert Avenue.

## THANK YOU AND NEXT STEPS

Members of the public can comment on this proposal via the B&NES website:

**[www.bathnes.gov.uk](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk)**

Subject to approval, the TRO will allow the opening of Destructor Bridge to vehicles. The Bus Gate would then be installed following the completion of apartment building B40 located at the junction of Stothert Avenue and Midland Road.