



## **The Promenade's York Stone Paving**

At a meeting on the Prom yesterday, representatives from Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cheltenham BID and Cheltenham Civic Society met to discuss concerns over the York stone paving. We are pleased that the Highway Authority (GCC) has agreed to halt the tarmac plan so that further research and different options can be properly considered.

We are concerned that the solution to be arrived at will fully respect the town's heritage, its beauty and the integrity of the Central Conservation Area so we will remain actively involved in the process and will carefully scrutinise everything put forward.

When an acceptable solution does evolve, it is crucial that the authority consults widely on it – not just with the parties involved yesterday but with other stakeholders including the public and the shops, cafés and restaurants that trade in the Prom.

I'd also like to thank The Georgian Group for throwing their weight behind us and the 2,057 people who signed, shared and boosted our petition, as we believe they were instrumental in helping to bring about this rethink.

Cheltenham Civic Society will always do what is right and best for our town and we value the backing from our fellow organisations in Cheltenham who all do so much to look after our beautiful town. Thank you once again for your wonderful support.

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Andrew Booton  
Chair