

## **Comments of the Cheltenham in Bloom Committee**

Cheltenham in Bloom committee would like the following comments to be noted by whom it may concern with regard to Imperial Gardens Design recently displayed for consultation.

We support the compromise although several members do have reservations

To ensure that The Festival Board/Management adheres to the number of days it has allocated to it for the use of the Gardens, Montpellier and Imperial and do not overrun at the expense of other events, which may exclude them or offer less days.

There should be a guarantee in place from The Festivals that reinstatement is in good time for further use of the Gardens, perhaps using an independent body or organisation to judge the before and after conditions of the gardens other than officers from the council.

That the promised improvements and redesign of Imperial Gardens are fully funded for all phases of this scheme, otherwise it may never be achieved! What happens if there is an overspend on the first phase of the project, will there be a guarantee that money will be ring fenced/found to complete designs that have been displayed to public if approved?

If all the main design elements outlined in the display are accepted and achieved, will there be ongoing resources for the maintenance of these gardens. If these plans come to fruition they would need regular maintenance to be an acceptable standard for all to view.