

# Central Bristol public spaces

# Why is public space important?

- “Public spaces are favourite places to meet, talk, sit, look, relax, play, stroll, flirt, eat, drink, smoke, sunbathe and feel part of a broader whole.
- They are the starting point for all community, commerce and democracy.
- Indeed the future of the human race depends on public spaces...
- We are hard-wired with a desire for congenial spaces to gather. That is why it is particularly surprising how often we overlook the importance of public spaces today”.

*Jay Walljasper, in New Statesman, 15/08/05*



College Green

Cathedral

Centre Promenade

ST. Nicholas Market

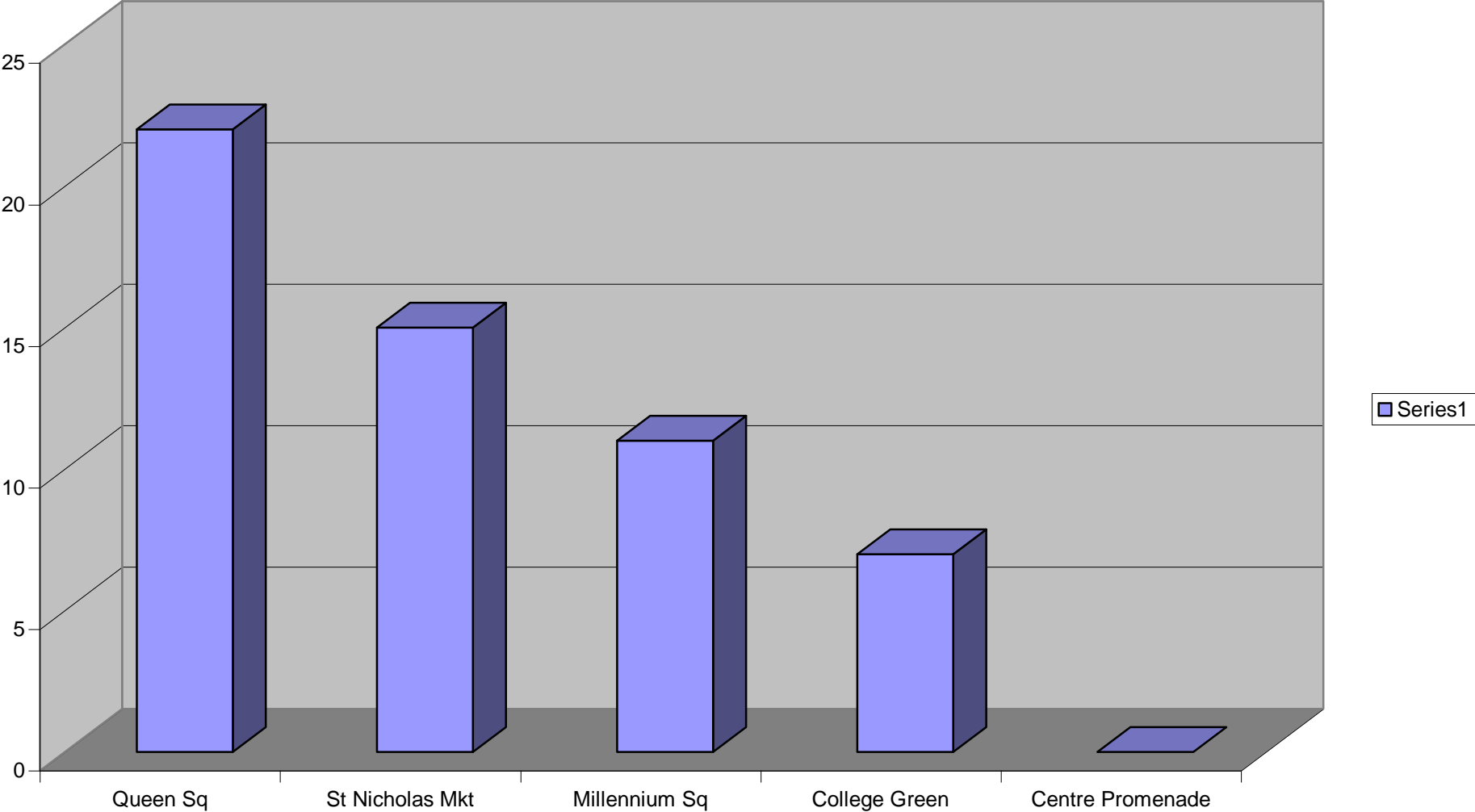
Queen Square

Millennium Square

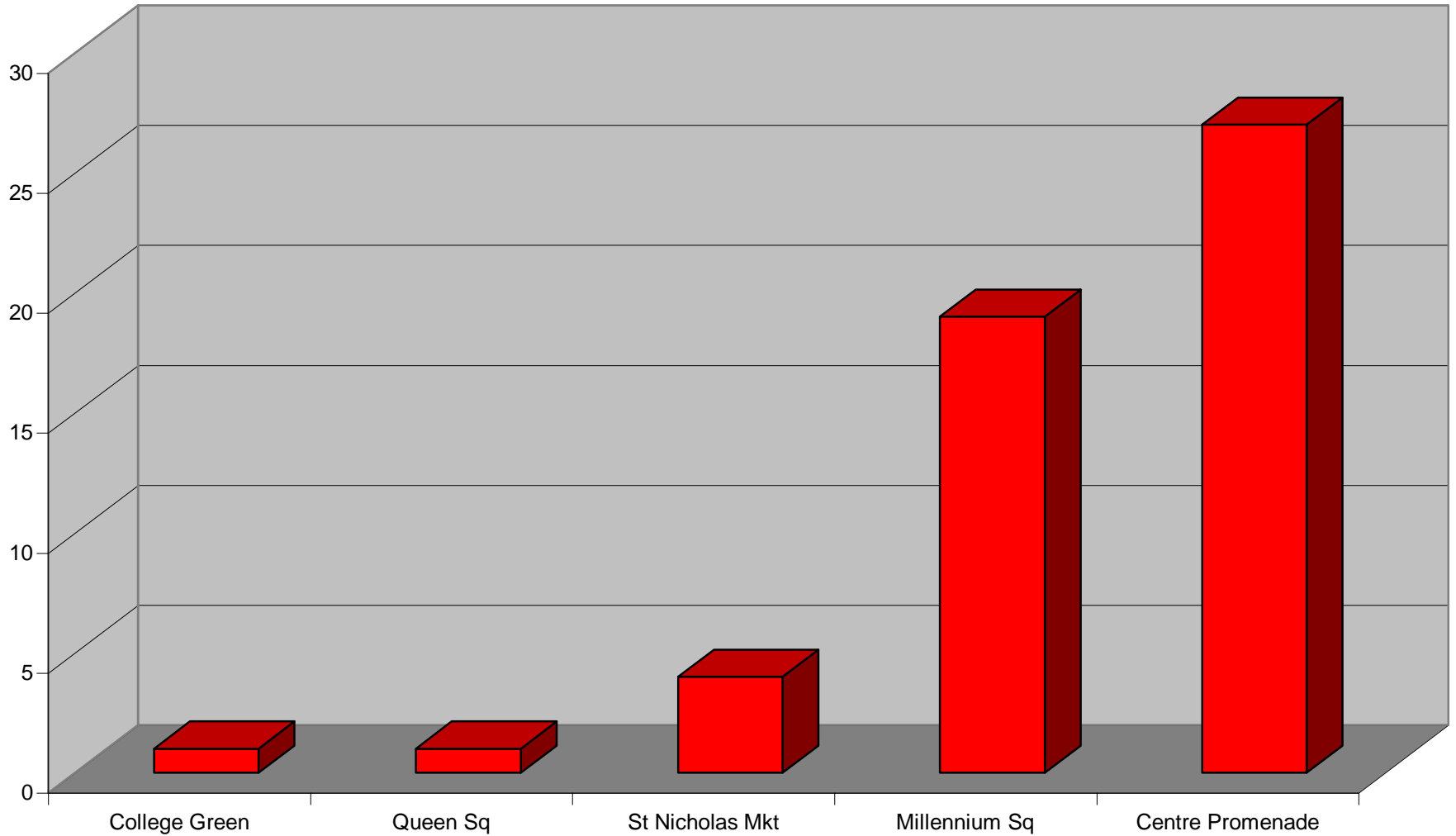
Anchor Square

Harbour

# Best liked spaces in central Bristol



# least liked bristol central space



# Queen Square











## Queen Square: what could be improved

- Cafes
- More seating
- Water features / fountain
- No cars
- Flowers
- Toilets
- Modern sculpture

# St Nicholas Markets







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*Markets*

  
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## St Nicholas Markets area: what could be improved

- Expand and extend
- More stalls and shops
- Renovate/facelift
- Pedestrianise whole of Corn Street
- More seating
- Improve paving
- Improve signage to it

# Centre Promenade







## Centre Promenade: what could be improved

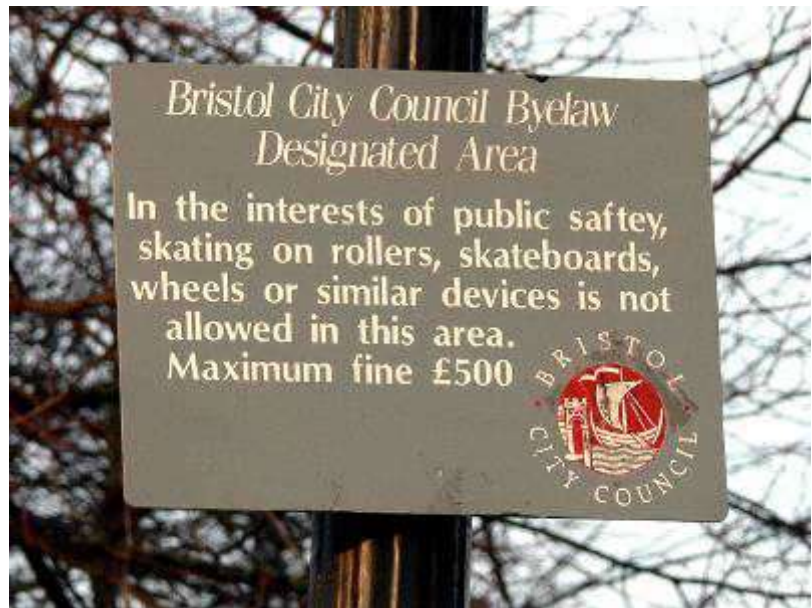
- Better/more inspiring fountains
- Reduce the traffic
- Animate with activities, performers and stalls
- Provide some shelter
- High quality building/bandstand/coffeehouse...
- Open up the water underneath

# College Green











## College green: what could be improved

- More informal seating
- Get rid of skateboarders
- Provide better facilities for skateboarders
- Water features
- Cafes/eateries with extra seating
- Make it a focal point for performers/buskers/street artists

# Millennium and Anchor Square











# Millennium Square: what could be improved

- More colour
- More trees and soft landscaping
- Better seating
- Better refreshment facilities

Are we learning to make better public spaces in Bristol?













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## Bristol's new public spaces: comment from a survey respondent:

- “I don't know how these public spaces pass the planning stages. I think of the architects/planners who make these types of spaces as living alone and being lonely, with no love in their lives and having no contact with any female (except their mother, who beat them as a child)”.

## Two worthy and feasible projects for the Civic Society to support:

- Create a “controlled” public space in central Bristol
- Improve the “Bearpit”- St James Barton Roundabout



















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