

George Bailey

STATEMENT TO CABINET 12th SEPTEMBER 2012
Re: Frome – Radstock Branch

Firstly, my apologies for not attending the meeting yesterday: I hope I did not miss critical information.

I am pleased to say that Counsellor Roger Symonds met us (Mike Boulton from the Radstock Action Group and Daniel Casey of South West Transport Network) on the 30th August to listen to our comments about the Halcrow Report.

During the meeting he expressed scepticism about some the costs stated and would follow-up with Halcrow.

Afterwards, he stated that he understood our objectives much better and that we needed the support of local people. Since the project appears to be well-supported by local people and those on the corridor to Frome, I assume that he meant the local political groups. Therefore, I am contacting Parishes along the route, Mendip D.C. and ultimately Somerset County Council.

Another organisation which is already aware of the situation is of course the West of England Partnership. We also hope that the governing body of the City Deal will be included. *when it is formed.*

Thank you