

Statement by Keith McGarrigle Committee Member of Friends of Bath Residents Recreation Ground ,to The Bath Recreation Ground Trustees Meeting 14th October , at The Guildhall .
Time of Meeting 1.00pm .

At last the truth is coming out . According to today's agenda and associated reports , it is stated that the trees in the southwest corner of the Rec were felled in accordance with a planning application for extra seating (Agenda item 7, 4.4) .As we suspected , contrary to what we were told at a previous meeting that the trees were diseased and dangerous and needed to be felled for safety reasons , in fact they were hindering the Bath Rugby club's ambitions for increasing their crowd capacity and the revenues thereof . Yet another step on the road toward an all singing and dancing super stadium .

The proposed land swap with the Firs field is another cunning ploy by you the trustees to facilitate the ever stronger stranglehold the rugby club has on the Recreation Ground .The whole proposition is ridiculous . If you achieve your ambitions with this land swap, what next ,another swap for another piece of the Rec ? In a very short time the rugby club will control ever more of the Rec to exploit and do with as they wish at the expense of the beneficiaries right to use it .

I note that the so called "real friends of the Rec" use the slogan ASAP (all sports for all people) Where were these "saviours of sport "before the possibility of a stadium on the Rec reared it's ugly head ? It is a pity they don't put their energy into finding a more suitable home for the club , one that belongs to them with no covenants or contracts to restrict usage .

