

# Representation to the Council Executive Regarding the Government's Inspector's Report on the Local Plan

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I am here acting on behalf of "IT'S A SUPER RIP... OFF"; a group made up of Bath residents and parents of school children of St Martin's Garden Primary School.

Please reject the recommendations by the Government's Inspector for the Local Plan regarding St Martin's Garden Primary School. This site should not be re-zoned to allow mixed use development.

It would mean the following

- A detrimental loss to our children; in terms of their education
- A detrimental loss to the local community; more of their invaluable open green space will go; more of their heritage will be lost.
- A detrimental loss to the environment; why demolish a fully functional and well maintained school to then build it next door?

Gerry Curran, we know the land is Council owned and the Council can do what they want with it. Surely, you the council are here to represent the residents of Bath. £2,000,000 has been spent on upgrading the school in the last 5 years. Whose money was this? Are you prepared to take this money from the residents of Bath to then throw it away? The site includes the brand new Sure Start Centre which has not even been officially opened. You plan to demolish it!

The Inspector's recommendation is "Subject to detailed assessment by the Council, especially of local recreational needs." No assessment has been made. No traffic study. No study of local retail needs. No consultation whatsoever. "IT'S A SUPER RIP... OFF" think it is wrong for this plan to go any further.

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel seem to be in agreement. They upheld the Call-In on this issue for the following reasons.

- The changes to the plans for St Martin's Garden Primary School were both late and significant.
- St Martin's was not sufficiently consulted as a key stakeholder.

So why do you seem bent on developing the site?

Please show some regard for your electorate and don't re-zone this land. If it is zoned in such a way the council will come under ever increasing pressure to develop it. Please prevent this from even being a possibility.