

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening

I would like to urge the council to vote for the core strategy proposed this evening.

BANES is in desperate need of more affordable family and social housing, far too many of my family and friends have been forced to move out of the area due to high housing costs.

My family tree can be traced back to the early 1700's in the BANES area, but if you do not act soon, i feel there will be no family homes for my own children let alone their children to afford in the area.

The high prices on one side of the city coupled with the significant number of HMO's on the other has limited the options for far too long and will only get worse.

It is great the council are looking at Reducing the number of properties able to become HMO's through the article 4 but this will not apply to the existing hmos therefore making the need for more affordable homes to be built even greater.

If large companies such as Tesco and Sainsbury were to reduce their footprint for stores in the area there would be more room for affordable houses to be built on brownfield sites enabling lower paid residents the opportunity of owning their own home.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all councillors and council staff that took part in the bath half yesterday and also the council employees who managed to get the route clean and open so quickly.