

B&NES Cabinet Wed 4 May 2016 at 2pm in Keynsham Civic Centre

Cabinet to consider reports outlining the findings and conclusions from:

- The Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Inquiry Day;
- The Local Development Framework Steering Group Sites Review;

To determine a recommended solution for the transport issues to the east of Bath.

Good afternoon. I'm Barry Henderson, Secretary of the Federation of Bath Residents' Associations, who represent several thousand residents.

As you consider these controversial matters, we urge you to keep in mind that it isn't only about flora, fauna and views around Bathampton and Batheaston. It is also about the health and life expectancy of people from there - and others - living, working in and visiting Bath. A responsible balance must be struck.

The so-called 'corridor of death' caused by traffic pollution in and through the City has been declared an 'Air Quality Management Area' because the levels of pollution are over (in some places 50% over) the legal limit - which the World Health Organisation considers a serious health threat. There could hardly be a more urgent issue.

We welcomed the integrated transport solution achieved in the Bath Transport Strategy, agreed by all parties on the Council in November 2014 and endorsed by the results of the general and local elections a year ago.

Fourteen thousand cars a day enter or leave the city at Walcot that could potentially be using an eastern park-and-ride. Currently they have no alternative to driving right into the city centre to park. During the years of debate, this traffic has increased by 20%.

Traffic in Bath urgently needs to be reduced now and the Bath Transport Strategy implemented with a comprehensive transport *plan*. Established park and rides to the north, west and south are successful and popular.

We need an eastern park and ride. It may not be the most important part but is an essential part of the overall Strategy, and we urge you determine today to press ahead with it.