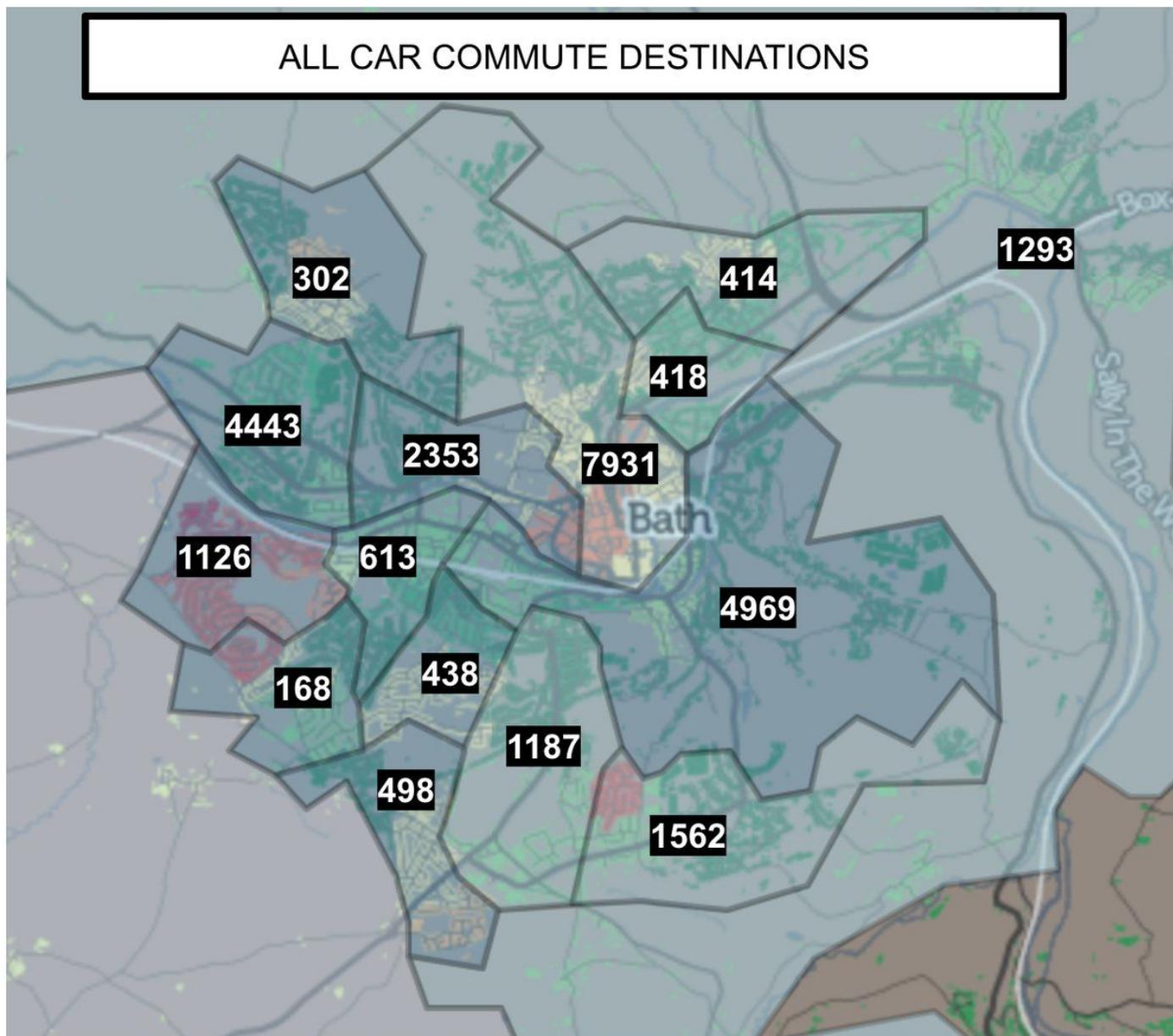


The Tram Report really is a recognition that a tram network in Bath is viable and if the money can be found, be it public or private, then we can establish a good network.

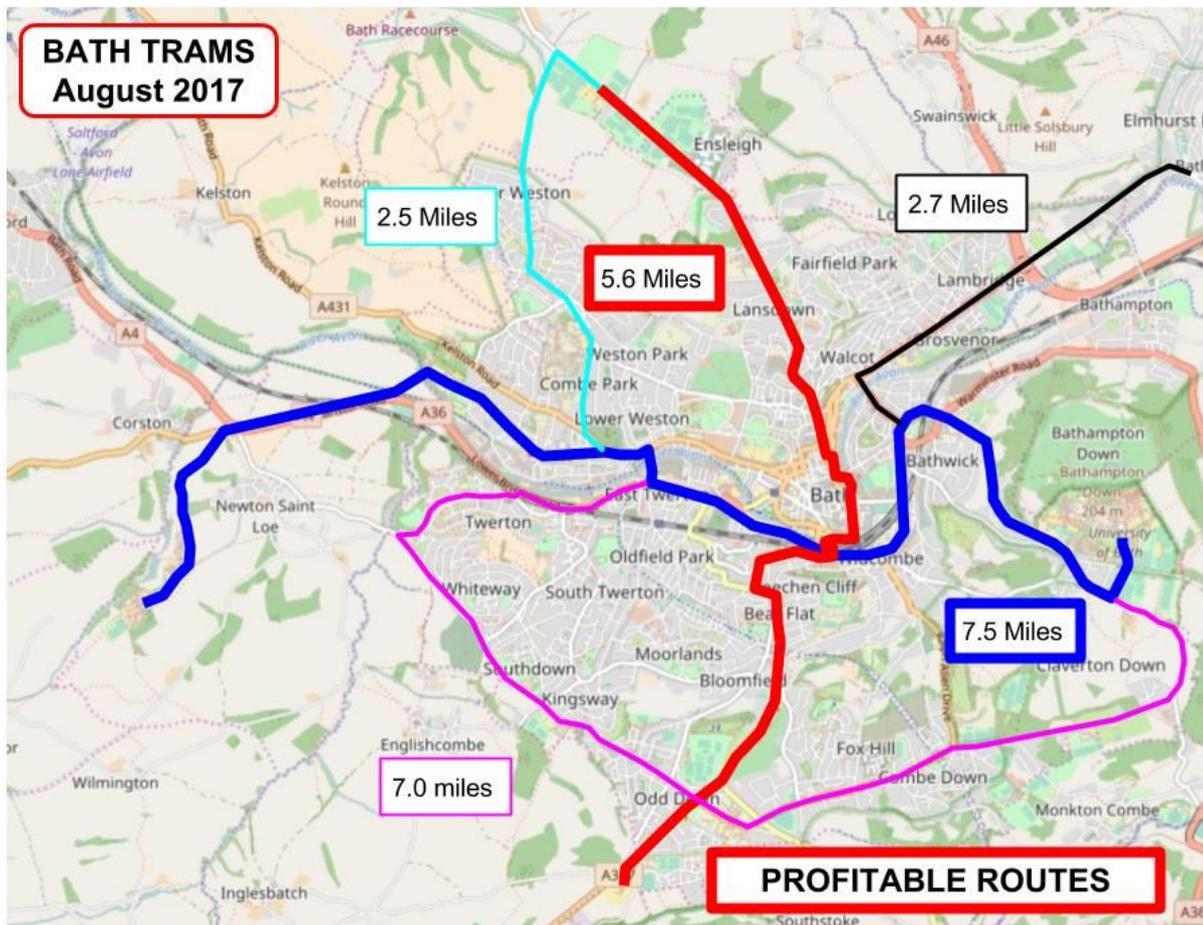
There is however, a major piece of the puzzle missing from the report. As somebody that has studied in detail, the Census travel to work data that is analysed in this report, it should be recognised that the four routes and a inner circular ring fails to address the needs of the residents of the city, not just the external car commuters to the city.

Yes we need connections from the Park and Ride sites, but we have to recognise that only 7,931 car commuters come to the city centre out of 27,714



There is no consideration to give residents a good connection to the RUH or to provide a tram network that passes within reach of secondary schools.

In August 2017, I came up with a tram network that focused on enabling residents living in Bath to get to work, school, and connecting local communities.



Trams provide the capacity to move significantly more numbers than a bus network can ever achieve, but trams simply cannot be about commuters. It absolutely must be about connecting communities and schools. We have a huge congestion problem in Bath, and with the work Transition Larkhall has done, we know that the school run is around 30% of rush hour traffic.

The proposed tram network does nothing to alleviate this unnecessary traffic from our roads. A route on along the southern plateau connecting Twerton, via Odd Down to Combe Down connecting over 13 schools is vital. A route from Lansdown Park and Ride through Weston to the RUH with a tram interchange on Windsor Bridge is key, while a tram going up Bathwick Hill rather than North Road simply avoids creating a good connection to Bathwick St Mary and King Edward's School.

The report is a good start, but we need to recognise that the data sets use, do not enable the creation of a tram network that serves the best interests of the city of Bath and its residents.