

Andrew Pattie statement

Chairman, Councillors. Thank you for granting me this opportunity to speak. I want to talk about probably the most important matter that will affect the city over the next five years the Clean Air Zone CAZ. The question that comes to mind is why has everything gone so quiet? The previous administration involved us in an extensive consultation, received a clear answer that the people of Bath favoured the option C, the Government agreed with this option and praised the authority for the way it had handled the process. And as far as everyone was concerned, we're off. It's exciting, it's a new plan, lots of mitigation, it'll reduce Nox emissions, it'll probably reduce traffic too, what's not to like? Then we have an election, we have a new administration and then.... complete silence, the whole issue of CAZ disappears like a puff of smoke. I think, what the people of Bath would like to know is, what on earth is going on? Why the silence. Are the liberal democrats completely flummoxed by the whole thing or is there some secret agenda. Not good options those for the people of Bath are they: no idea what your doing, or scary secret agenda to tax polluting vehicles £3,000 a year. My advice to you is to stop fiddling around in your usual way, make a decision and get on with it. By the way, if you do decide that your national Liberal Democrat agenda to big up your eco-credentials ends up with you deciding upon Clear Air Zone D for Bath, destroying the City's economy and impoverishing the young, the old and the poor, well beware for the people of this city will not forgive you. Nor should they.