

Good Evening

I am Theresa Franklin from Cavendish Crescent.

This is me with our councillors Lucy Hodge and Mark Elliott.

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The first line in the council's manifesto says:

WE ARE A LISTENING COUNCIL THAT ACTS FOR RESIDENTS

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The turnkey solution to make this happen is

1. Opening up the council to make sure the people in charge heard your voice
2. Letting residents make decisions to get better outcomes
3. Making the council more transparent and responsive.

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SADLY, IN THIS INSTANCE YOU FAILED US

You failed **All THE RESIDENTS OF BATH**, golfers, walkers, lovers of this green open space.

The Approach Golf Course is an iconic tract of land, within an area of outstanding natural beauty, in the middle of a World Heritage City and with majestic trees which fall under the Tree Protection Ordinance.

Yet you, our council chose to put The Approach Golf Course up for tender twice – in the middle of a pandemic.

Without ANY Consultation, whatsoever
With a Complete lack of transparency

And it gets worse

The Tender process chosen is what we perceive to be an undemocratic bidding process which allows the council to make all the decisions without any resident involvement

Our trusted councillors, Lucy and Mark, who opposed your single bid, became our only contact with you.

These Junior Councillors bravely opposed senior councillors with long service and high ranks.

So, we the residents,
close neighbours of the approach golf course,
found our strong
united
collective
community voice.

And you all heard us loud and clear.

On BBC Radio, in the press, on the neighbourhood Portal, on twitter, on the Approach course. You registered the 4220 signatures on Ben Reeds "Keep the Approach Golf Course Open". And you read the many emails sent to you by people from all walks of life across Bath.

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When you cast your vote tonight

LISTEN as you Promised, HEAR our voice as you Promised
and Get the better outcome for residents of Bath as you Promised.

VOTE NO TO "GOLF DERIVED" SPORTS

Pause this process

Engage with us

**and let's find the right solution together in a more positive manner
after the pandemic. Thank you**

