

Bob Goodman statement 20 May 2021 Cabinet

The State of the Council and other Environmental Issues

It is immensely difficult for me to know where to start to highlight the appalling way this Administration is treating the residents of this great City.

I suppose I have to start with the Ecological Emergency . When Cllr Guy spoke at Full council at his election as leader he declared that the Tufa Field planning permission would be shelved. I like others had assumed that the field was saved for all time. How wrong were we.

Then we heard Cllrs indicating that the decision by his predecessor to look at a smaller development was still being considered- with talk of upto 10 houses. THIS IS A BETRAYAL OF THE RESIDENTS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL SITE.

This has now been confirmed in a reply to a Cabinet Question by Cllr Samuel in which he say .. a smaller impact that will provide social benefit...well Cllr Samuel clearly you do not care about the damage to the Environment.

Will the New Leader Now put on record that No building development will take place on Tufa Field so that it can be saved for the future Generation of our WildLife and our planet.

THE RESIDENTS OF BATH WANT THE TRUTH.

But even more disappointing was that whilst in my professional capacity as a Chartered Surveyor only last week that I received from a Client a copy of an email from this Council concerning purchasing a 10ft strip of land adjoining the house she was looking to purchase at the top of Perrymead.

The contents were most disturbing... and I quote.. “the land is held for strategic reasons in that it might be key to facilitating the future development of the larger area of land” by the way it does men housing dev if you are in any doubt.

This piece of land I suspect is of a greater Ecological Importance than even Tufa Field, I know as I’ve been bird watching there on numerous occasions

For Officers to believe this Land could be developed for housing is beyond comprehension. When the residents of Perrymead, Foxhill and Mulberry Park find out that this precious green space is going to be destroyed by this Council.. well the council will have to take the consequences.

Do this Cabinet know that officers are actively looking at these types of sites, then if they do they are showing scant regard to the Ecological Emergency which has been declared. If they don't then who is running this Council.. it clearly not this CABINET.

It is obvious to those who care about the Environment that the Ecological Emergency which was passed by this Council is being paid nothing more than lip service

by this Administration and there has clearly been no change with the new Leadership.