

Friends of the Recreation Ground, Bath

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I am instructed by the Friends of the Recreation Ground Association to call for the omission from the Local Plan update of policy SB2 which provides for the development of the Recreation Ground, and the deletion of proposed Options in its partial update.

Policy SB2 is an error for the following three reasons :

Point No 1

Construction of a major industrial structure at the heart of the World Heritage City is contrary to all National and Local conservation policies. Council runs the risk of losing the city's valued World Heritage status.

Point No 2

Development of the recreation ground is contrary to Title and Charity terms which limit use of the Rec to open space for amateur recreation, in perpetuity. Legal proceedings to overturn this restriction have failed. Further spending of taxpayer's money on fruitless legal effort, risking the possibility of injunction proceedings, would be irresponsible.

Point No 3

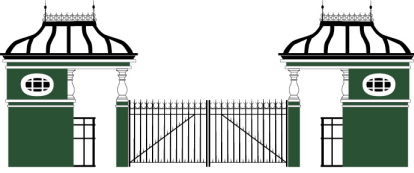
Last Monday 19th July, the Met Office issued its first UK extreme heat warning, wildfires burn in the US. Climate change must be at the heart of every decision this Council takes.

The UK Climate Change Committee places the highest priority on the preservation of open green space in city centres as absolutely critical in tempering the severe heatwaves we will be experiencing in our lifetimes.

Infill is eating away at open space in Bath, it would be nothing less than a climate calamity to lose the Recreation Ground as well.

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