

**COUNCILLOR ELEANOR JACKSON – STATEMENT TO CABINET – 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
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**RADSTOCK REGENERATION ACTION PLAN**

I generally welcome this scheme and the comprehensive overview of the centre of Radstock, even if a significant chunk of Westfield Ward – already the subject of policy in the Westfield adopted Neighbourhood Plan - has been included. For example, in 1890 one of the first council-built houses, a terrace built on Bournville principles, running between Mr McMurtrie's mansion, now the site of Bath College, and the site of the former United Methodist Church. There is no mention of the Roman heritage – the Fosseway – or the encampments on the hill tops.

No mention of the entry for Manor Farm in the Domesday book either, or the stockade which gives Radstock its name.

However, this Plan is about the future. Had I been given the chance to speak at Council, I was going to commend Radstock Town Council and B&NES for their actions re saving Trinity Methodist Church – Radstock Central Hall until 2011.

I hope the Plan works better than that of 2009-11, abandoned, and what then functioned as one, the 2014 planning consent for the former railway lands, coinciding as it did with the Placemaking Plan.

One sentence I will treasure: car parks in rural areas will remain free of charge where charges don't currently apply. In order to improve the economic viability of the settlement. We also need buses running through Radstock regularly and reliably.