

Bath and North East Somerset Council, Full Council Meeting – 10th October 2019

Conservative Motion: B&NES Transport Options between Bristol and Bath

To be moved by Cllr Brian Simmons

This Council notes:

1. That there is an aspiration for a new railway station at Saltford amongst a section of the community;
2. The previous administration's work with the West of England Regional Mayor to ensure a new railway station at Saltford is now featured in a map of transport improvements in the Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (2019-2036);
3. That there is concern over Network Rail's ability to create sufficient capacity for trains to ever stop at Saltford and the cost of the project;

This Council subsequently believes:

4. In view of the promises made by the Liberal Democrats during the May 2019 Local Election Campaign - it is important that the feasibility of opening a railway station at Saltford is fully assessed in the interest of the community;

Therefore, this Council resolves to;

5. Ask the Cabinet to commission a detailed study, when resources allow, which sets out their plan for providing Saltford with a railway station;
6. Refer this matter to the relevant PDS panel to consider and monitor progress of the above and to receive reports from the Cabinet Member for Transport providing an update on how the plan is progressing.