

Representations, Mr William Gaskell, Updated 26/01/12

I have made several representations so far to the council. In summary I am making the following points which I will print out and bring to the meeting:

I want there to be a **middle-class development in Bath** where family houses would be built on square plots and have several meters of garden surrounding the whole property and also have a driveway and garaging for at least two cars and a servant's apartment and access to local community sports and leisure facilities including a swimming pool, gym, park space, (sports hall, tennis court, squash court), restaurant, bar, community centre with parking, or have these available in a mansion type of housing development. Also there is need for purpose-built apartment buildings with community facilities, which have all the necessary rooms listed above and below in a suitably spacious "box".

I want all proposed plans to be built in the established Bath style as I am unhappy with the Riverside Development project so far and also I have spoken to people who are not satisfied with the Southgate development. I want each house to have enough space for the occupants to live the traditional life-style in Bath, with twenty-two foot high ceilings established for the drawing rooms and sitting rooms, well ventilated and safe and spacious kitchens, a dining room, family sitting room, large drawing room, large living room and living space, library/study room, regulated minimum size of bedrooms and bathrooms, storage and utility rooms also need to be included in approved plans as the standard. Also these buildings would have to be sufficiently safely constructed to survive three hundred years of constant use like the established buildings and not get replaced after three years for being an eye-sore is the interpretation of "affordable" housing I want implemented. **Built for people who use "1st Class" services.**

I would also support increasing planning permission for houses of six to seven stories, like the Ancient Roman *Insulae* of Rome 2000 years ago, plus a basement in the centre of Bath and also the "underpinning" technique where houses are dug under and a new deeper basement and foundation are made which is very popular in London and doubles the living space. I would also suggest making a private custody suite in mansions as a standard as well but that would probably be going too far.

I want to propose a plan for the field in front of Camden Crescent to be developed into a small flat croquet lawn and a vineyard on the slopes as this would both provide both a lawn for the residents of Camden Crescent to use recreationally and an economic attraction for the council to be involved in locally produced wine. We want Camden Crescent to be re-zoned as a bus/taxi lane for resident's access only and traffic to be directed towards London Road instead. There is a risk of collapse of the carriageway from overuse.

It would be preferred to redevelop impoverished areas of Bath before developing the "green belt" and this area should be set aside for mansions only.