

## Issue 2

### Bath Transport

The proposed reduced Transport Package will have significant impacts upon the CS:

1. In particular increased car movements and congestion into and out of the centre of Bath, which the Council wishes to play down.
2. The lack of future availability of proposed development sites in the centre which will now be retained as car parks (Avon Street and Manvers Street car parks)
3. Significantly reduced public transport links that were intended to serve key regeneration areas such as BWR
4. A further deterioration in Air Quality in the AQMA that now covers most main routes through the centre of Bath.
5. As the proposed SHLAA Trajectory will lead to greater in-commuting into Bath instead of a reduction (see Issue 2 SHLAA), the lack of the new Park and Ride to the east of the City and the extension to Newbridge, will result in more car borne trips.

The Transport Package does include improvement to bus routes in South Bath, including to the Odd Down Park and Ride, which will improve connectivity to the potential Green Belt site at Sulis Down. Recent developments at the nearby new Sainsbury's, Odd Down, have further improved the quality and frequency of the public transport system.

There are no reductions to planned public transport improvements of the Bath Package in the vicinity of Odd Down and so the results of Transport Modeling undertaken in January 2011 are unchanged.

The Report makes clear how well connected the Odd Down location is, in the public transport network with little overall impact on the traffic flows or congestion beyond the CS period to 2031, even when tested against higher development levels (2,000 homes).

The Report points out the risks associated with job growth at Bath, which is not accompanied by sufficient local housing. As the report shows, a development at Odd Down would contribute approximately 77% of its economically active residents to local jobs in Bath. This would have a significant impact upon reducing in-commuting and congestion on local roads.

The CS is already planning a net increase in 5700 new jobs in Bath, which will result in 8500 new jobs being created. The progressive shortfall in housing supply in Bath, pre 2006, 2006-2011 and in 2011-2016 accompanied by steady jobs growth, has created a mis-alignment between jobs and homes at Bath and greater in-commuting. Additional homes at Odd Down will create a better balance between jobs and homes, thereby reducing congestion and in-commuting.