

Matter 7
Representor Ref No. 102
Name: Robin Kerr



Placemaking Plan consultation - Further Comment – Sustainable Transport

The Federation of Bath Residents' Associations (FoBRA) – Respondent 102 - has already made substantial representations on this subject (FoBRA Representation C, D and E dated 2nd Feb 16, which now appear in B&NES' "Schedule of Duly Made comments received (in Plan Order)" as Comments 7, 8 and 9 on pages 553, 554 and 564 respectively). This note adds FoBRA's support for an A36/46 link.

In a review of its Key Findings, the Council's Transport Strategy for Bath¹, adopted in Nov 14 by all parties, refers to a link between the A36 and the A46 (via the A4) as a way to reduce congestion and pollution in the city:

“Reducing the Impact of Heavy Traffic

Over three quarters of respondents (76%) also felt that the development of a new road linking the A4 (Batheaston Bypass) with the A36 would be a good way of reducing through-traffic within Bath.”

At the Council meeting on 12th Nov 15 the Cabinet stated its position on this:

“To tackle through traffic, we are working towards a new link road east of the city with our partners in Highways England and Wiltshire Council.”

Support for the idea has grown, in particular by Bath's Member of Parliament, who raised it with the previous Chancellor of the Exchequer and Prime Minister, by both of whom it was well received. Last May, he launched a petition to determine public support (see Annex A), which is ongoing.

However, the possible link and the justification for it receives barely a mention in the Placemaking Plan, surely not satisfactory for such a large, expensive and potentially useful policy for and in the area. I understand this will be treated under Matter 7 (Sustainable Transport) during the Examination in Public.

Robin Kerr, FoBRA Chairman, 12th Aug 16

¹ “Getting Around Bath” Nov 2014

Dear Robin

As you may be aware, one of my election pledges to Bath was to stop our city stalling, by finding solutions to our transport needs. Bath is a World Heritage City – people like us live here, work here and want to visit here – we have to improve our road network to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

One solution to our transport needs is to build a link road between the A36 and A46. This would be part of the Integrated Transport Plan.

The process to secure investment for such a large infrastructure project is long, but I have already had conversations with Highways England, B&NES Council and neighbouring MPs to get the ball rolling. I also wrote to the Chancellor about securing investment for the project and received a positive response which you can [here](#) and received a supportive letter from the Prime Minister. after my Prime Minsiter's Questions which can be read [here](#).

I have decided to conduct a petition of all Bath residents to determine the level of support for an A36/46 link road to be built. The parliamentary petition will be hand delivered across the city during the summer months. It is a petition to the House of Commons which can be filled out and returned free of charge. So look out for the petition arriving on your doorstep in the coming months. You can also download a copy of the petition [here](#) if you want to get signing straight away.

19th May 16