

Response2route

Public Meeting
23 April - 7.00pm
Emmanuel
Church Hall,
Apsley Road,
Lower Weston.
The meeting will
vote on a motion
opposing the
proposed route.

Clean Up
Saturday 27 April -
11h00
This time at the
Rudmore Park
end of our green
space.

Spring Picnic
Saturday 3 May -
12h00
A community
picnic on our
Green. This will
start at 12h00 at
the Rudmore
Park end of the
green space.

Village Green Status

We are going to apply for Village Green status and would like to hear from people who have used any part of the green space (the route of the former railway line) for recreational purposes. Please get in touch if this applies to you and you are happy to be added our database. This will strengthen our case.

Response2route is an independent campaign to oppose the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) route through Newbridge and Lower Weston. For many residents the proposed bus route would have a hugely negative impact. Public pressure played a major part in the recent decision to cancel similar plans in Bristol. However, the Bath proposal has **not** been withdrawn. With your support our campaign will demonstrate strong opposition to the planned route and encourage a rethink.

Structure and Area Representatives

Most residents recently received a letter from the Council acknowledging the need for discussion and suggesting that B&NES Council would like to meet with area representatives. We will be contacting the Council to request a meeting as we have had six well attended residents meeting and have a number of volunteers from all parts of Newbridge and Lower Weston.

We don't claim to represent every resident in the area. However we do believe we have majority support and that we serve residents best by taking a clear position. Our petition has been strongly supported and we believe this together with the vote to be taken on 23 April will clearly demonstrate the level of opposition to the route.

Our most recent residents meeting was held on 31 March. The meeting confirmed a simple structure and outlined a number of action groups which will take our campaign forward. We welcome volunteers to work on our web site, research and mapping, events, the petition and survey, planning and legal processes, visual media and engagement with key stakeholders and other groups.

We will continue to hold regular residents meetings to report back on activity and developments, discuss new issues and concerns and identify new areas for action.

Why We Oppose the Route

We believe that the business case for the BRT overstates the benefits and understates the negative impacts of the proposed scheme.

Severe Impact on Quality of Life

The route will pass very close to many homes. Our quality of life and health will be directly affected by noise, vibration, pollution and loss of privacy.

Control of the Roadway

We doubt the Council would be able to prevent illegal use of the roadway by "joyriders". Enforcement of bus speed limits is also a concern.

Opportunity Cost

The BRT route would destroy the opportunity to improve and maintain the space for the benefit of all. Quality open space would help build a healthy,

happy community. Many would value rear access and safe parking off the main road.

Environmental Destruction

The route would destroy a green environment which is home to mature trees, plants, insects, birds, bats and other animals.

More Congestion Not Less

There will be new congestion where the route crosses Newbridge Road, Station Road, Locksbrook Road and Windsor Bridge Road. Expansion of the Park and Ride will attract new traffic.

Pressure on Local Parking

In the absence of residents only parking, locals will compete for parking with drivers who park near a proposed stop on Station Rd and near any other stops.

Why We Oppose the Route, Continued...

Contact Us

Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved in the campaign. To contact us please attend our next meeting or use the email address below.

E-Mail:

response2route@fsmail.net

The Council has cancelled the public consultation scheduled for 9 April.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.response2route.co.uk

The Proposed Route

The BRT is part of the "Bath Package" proposed by B&NES Council with funding earmarked by central government. It would run diesel "bendy buses" from Newbridge Park and Ride (with 500 new places), along Newbridge Rd, into Brassmill Lane (Westfield Park South) and then onto a new 11 metre wide roadway which would destroy the green space running from Brassmill Lane to Locksbrook Road VW dealer. The route would cross the river, cross Windsor Bridge Road, run through Western Riverside, through the centre of Bath to a proposed new Park and Ride.

Feasibility

The route is affected by a number of tight corners and elevations. The section from Station Road to Locksbrook Road is narrow, elevated and partially occupied.

Impact on Businesses

The route will negatively affect a number of businesses which use buildings or space to be removed to make way for the proposed roadway.

Make Your Objections Known

The Council is obliged to register objections and expressions of interest.

You could ask the Council to provide you with their "Expression of Interest" form" or use one of the slips we have prepared for this purpose. These will be available at our meetings and will be distributed with this leaflet.

Alternatively write to the Council indicating your name and address, stating that you would like to receive

Better Transport Options

There are better, more sustainable transport solutions. The BRT Park and Ride combination is fundamentally a car based scheme poorly integrated with rail and other public transport.

Future Use of the Roadway

Although it is a dedicated bus route there is no guarantee that use of the roadway would not ultimately be extended to emergency vehicles, service vehicles and other traffic.

information about Bath Package Updates, Bus Rapid Transit Route, Newbridge Park and Ride and any related consultations or changes. You should also clearly state that you are objecting and what your objections are.

Write to:

Strategic Transport Projects
Planning and Transport
B&NES Council
Riverside
Temple Street
Keynsham, BS31 1LA

People to Write To

Please write to key decision makers and inform them of your concerns.

Minister Responsible

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Transport Minister
House of Commons
London, SW1A 0AA

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Responsible Council Official

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Main Responsible Councillor

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You may also wish to contact Councillors representing affected areas.

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