

## **The trouble with BaNES Council's Park and Ride plan**

- The Council is misleading us because a Park and Ride on Bathampton Meadows will not reduce pollution or congestion
- Park and Rides generate more traffic, pollution and congestion
- Other cities are closing Park and Rides because they don't work. BaNES is not listening to the facts
- Park and Rides increase local traffic and attract people away from using buses. Instead they drive to a Park and Ride
- Result - out of town bus services are reduced or cut
- BaNES doesn't want you to know that their own data shows the 3 existing Park and Rides stand half empty most of the time, and that only 25% of users are commuters

## **What a waste of £9.7 million of tax payers money to build another!**

- The extra Park and Ride will have no impact on high polluting HGVs. Lorries will still drive through Bath to connect with major routes e.g. A4, A46 and A36
- A new Park and Ride will have no effect on school-run traffic. Car traffic is much reduced during school holidays
- BaNES shows its lack of understanding and makes the situation worse by closing their Safe Routes to School team
- Building a Park and Ride on Bathampton Meadows will destroy an area of beautiful open countryside in the Green Belt, a working farm and the playing fields of a thriving rugby club
- Building a Park and Ride on water meadows defies common sense. It will increase flood risk locally and to the city

**Even the Romans didn't build on this land!  
And..... it will not solve Bath's traffic problems**

## **There are better ways of solving Bath's traffic problems**

### **Recent research and data shows that Park and Ride is not the answer to city traffic problems in the 21st Century**

- The council should make use of current research on city traffic solutions and its own data when making decisions about transport investment
- Existing Park and Ride capacity should be used first, by making improvements to signage, and visitor parking information available via council and tourism websites
- On the very few busy days when overspill parking is needed eg. Christmas Market, Rugby Games, University Open Days additional parking space could be used eg. Bath Racecourse
- Make the use of public transport more attractive. Improve frequency, reliability and punctuality of bus and train services.
- Reduce bus fares, thereby encouraging more people to travel to the centre by bus instead of the car
- Subsidised or free bus travel for school children
- Invest in more safe cycling routes
- Work with neighbouring councils and employers to find alternative solutions to reduce commuter traffic into the city eg. incentives to encourage car sharing

**Public opinion is against a Park and Ride to the east of Bath. By early February there were 10,000 names on our petition, and the numbers continue to rise daily**

**There are better ways of spending public money!**

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