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1. Sign our petition: change.org (Bathampton Meadows)
2. Pledge to support us if we need to take legal action via our website: www.bathamptonmeadowsalliance.org.uk
3. Donate to our JustGiving campaign: <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/bathmeadows>
4. Please call on your councillors and key politicians to have the courage to abandon this wasteful plan, and focus on solutions that will work for our city instead:

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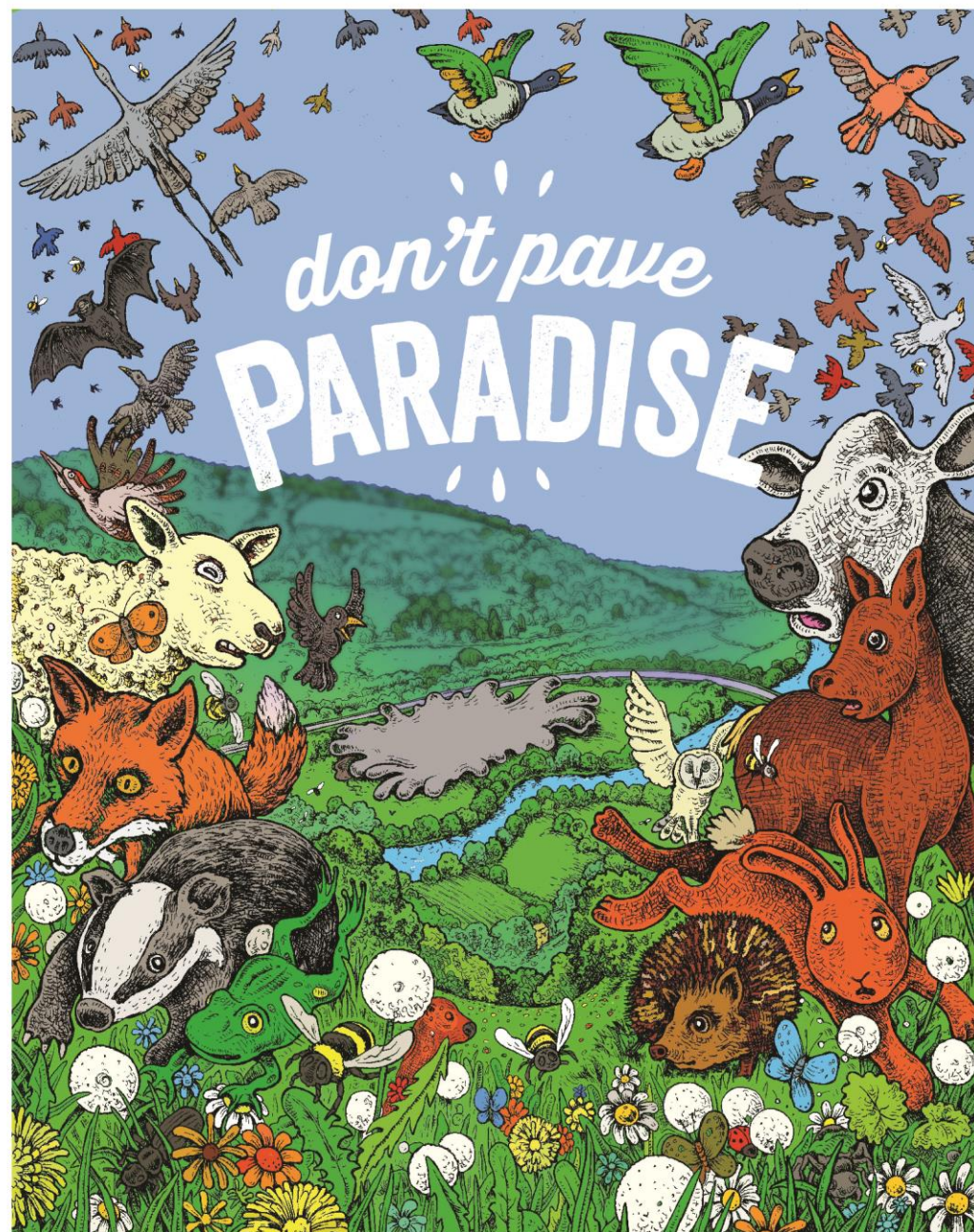
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SAVE BATHAMPTON MEADOWS

The threat to Bathampton Meadows is real

As a group of local residents, we have been warning the council for a year now that a new Park and Ride (P&R) will not achieve what councillors and the public have been told.

Now, after months of arguments and hearings, the council has finally acknowledged that an eastern P&R won't reduce congestion or pollution in the city. So why spend £10m building it? The council now says it's because it wants to reduce congestion in the future. But it doesn't say by when or by how much. Should we really be spending all this money based on a forecast for some time in the future?

A P&R will never improve Bath's traffic because it's not the right tool for the job. Commuters will face years of the same congestion and residents will breathe the same pollution, while we lose one of Bath's greatest natural assets.

Here are 10 more good reasons why we must not pave over our heritage with a costly white elephant:

1. The government no longer supports P&Rs as a way to reduce air pollution and nor should Bath.*
2. All the evidence shows that P&Rs generate more congestion as they encourage people to get into their cars to reach one. This means more pollution too.
3. The council's own data shows that P&Rs are not popular in Bath. On an average day there are 1600 spaces free across Bath's existing P&Rs and they are only 41% full. Demand has not changed over the past five years and they are emptiest at peak traffic times.**
4. Nobody has been asked yet whether they would use a new P&R. The council's consultants cite interviews they've done with drivers but these were in 2009 and 2014 and asked nothing about any P&R.

5. P&Rs put public buses at risk. Run by the same company in Bath, P&R buses offer cheaper fares to P&R customers who stop using vital public, rural door-to-door bus services.
6. The Council's private transport consultants say an eastern P&R would only take 5% of morning traffic off the London Road by 2029. In addition, this doesn't take into account any cars that currently avoid the route, but would return to using it if they found it to be less congested. They also say there'll only be a shortfall of 122 P&R spaces across the city by 2029. So why destroy the meadows now with a 1,400 space car park?
7. Levels of toxic nitrogen dioxide are above legal limits on parts of the London Road. A P&R will not reduce that, but will push Batheaston over the legal limit too.
8. Instead, we need proper research to understand why people are in their cars at different times of day and to prioritise solutions accordingly. For example, investment might focus on the school run (which accounts for a third of traffic in Batheaston in the mornings), safe cycling routes and quality bus corridors to reduce congestion, as well as exploring harder measures such as congestion charging to keep cars out of our city centre.***
9. This land is our heritage. It is part of Bath's World Heritage setting, it's Green Belt, and it's a flood plain – even the Romans knew not to build here.
10. The Telegraph recently listed Bathampton Meadows as one of Britain's top 10 beauty sites that are under threat. The National Trust, Bath Preservation Trust and CPRE have all spoken out against this development.

* Defra Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance 2016, ** Bath Hacked Full Year 2015, *** Automated traffic count by Transport Data Collection, 5 weeks in March/April 2016.