



MEADOWS NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone, and Happy New Year!

This is an alert to let you know that the Council have called a special Cabinet meeting about the Meadows for Wednesday 25th January at 5pm at the Guildhall.

The exact information to be fed into this meeting will be released one week prior, next Wednesday, as an attachment in the Meetings Calendar. Here's the link to keep your eye on:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=4962>

They are meeting 'To agree which site should be promoted as a P&R east of Bath'. Slippery language that avoids the word 'decision', but it's the same thing!

We are likely to be unhappy that there is little context given to their decision given that things like the recent parking strategy are only due back at the end of March. We understand that the full business case will only be developed once a site is selected (how mad is that – surely in most professional walks of life you do this first – this way round is a true waste of public funds) and just shows that the administration have no respect for the landscape and its protections, as well as the impact on us all from an environmental point of view. These appear to be just inconveniences to be overcome, which shows true contempt for our community.

So, we will be protesting. 4:30pm outside the Guildhall on Wednesday 25th January. Please bring the kids and a picnic tea!!! In the meantime we will raise concerns with our Councillors that the timings won't allow working people to have a voice.

14 of us so far are known to have speaker slots – please get in touch if you also have one and want to link in with us.

See you there 😊

Fundraising

5k Run/less strenuous walk

We had to put the date back for this and last night had volunteers in Judy, Alison Smith and Emma to work with others who've already come forward to get us out enjoying the Meadows on Sunday 5th February in the morning. Please put the date in the diary and watch this space/social media for more info!

In the news

Emma and Annie were both in the Christmas Chronicle with great letters and we have since seen a lot of discussion online about the story featuring Steve and the upcoming decision meeting. Please join the debate as we often get free coverage in the paper version from it. To Chronicle profile 'BatheastonJon' whoever you are – THANK YOU for your insight and comments 😊

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/east-of-bath-park-and-ride-announcement-was-worst-christmas-present-for-new-leaf-farm-owner/story-30036384-detail/story.html>

29Dec 2016 Letter Annie Kilvington

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/say-nimby-with-pride-instead-of-derision/story-30016154-detail/story.html>

29dec16 Letter Emma Adams

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/why-not-follow-the-example-of-paris-air-quality-steps/story-30016156-detail/story.html>