

Dear FoBRA Members,

You will all be aware that the issue of the location of an Eastern Park and Ride has been remitted to a cross-party group of Councillors, which is to review the options with a view to a decision being taken on a site next year.

It remains vitally important for residents of Bath that a site for a Park and Ride to the east of Bath is found and delivered. Fourteen thousand cars a day enter or leave the city at Walcot, an increase of 19% in the last five years. Drivers coming from the east currently have no alternative to driving right into the city centre to park, adding to the traffic congestion and air pollution in the city. They must be given the alternative of using an Eastern Park and Ride.

It seems possible that it will prove difficult to achieve a cross-party consensus on the best location for the Park and Ride, with a risk that a decision will be put off, perhaps indefinitely. I believe that, in order to encourage the Council to come up with a solution and press ahead with the Park and Ride, it would be very helpful if member Associations and the residents that you represent would write to the Cabinet member for Transport, Anthony Clarke, and to your local Councillors about this. In this way, we should be able to muster several thousand messages to our Council. I have consulted the FoBRA Executive, and we suggest a short note on the following lines:

**“I/We urge the Council to build and bring into use a Park and Ride site to the East of Bath as soon as possible (and before the next Council election). It is vital to provide an alternative for the traffic that comes into Bath from the east, in order to reduce traffic and air pollution in the city.”**

Cllr Clarke's email address is [anthony.clarke@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.clarke@bathnes.gov.uk) , and the email addresses of all Councillors can be found at <http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

**Robin Kerr, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 15**  
**Chairman, FoBRA**