

Eastern Park and Ride

The election of Tim Bowles as Metro Mayor for the West of England has removed a potential source of uncertainty about the East of Bath Park and Ride, which a number of the unsuccessful candidates had opposed.

We hope that B&NES will now move swiftly forward with the implementation of the East of Bath P&R, which features in the emerging West of England Joint Transport Study as well as B&NES's own Bath Transport Strategy. The three existing P&R sites are popular with visitors and commuters and it is logical to provide a site to the east, the only side of the city which currently lacks one. Another important element of both plans is an alternative route to remove the A36-A46 traffic which currently passes through Bath, adding to congestion and pollution throughout the city.

No one thinks that an Eastern P&R by itself will solve Baths' serious problems of traffic congestion and air pollution, but it can make an important contribution as part of a comprehensive transport plan for Bath.

We urge B&NES to press ahead with developing the Bath Transport Strategy into an effective Transport Plan for the city, working with the new Mayor on transport issues affecting Bath, particularly the A36-A46 link.

Robin Kerr, FoBRA Chairman, 20th May 17