

Dear Editor

University of Bath - School of Management

Your coverage of the grant of planning permission for the University of Bath's massive new management school (Chronicle, 2nd August) fails to mention important facts.

The project will attract up to 850 additional students to the School of Management faculty alone.

The University of Bath currently houses less than one-fifth of its total students on campus. The proposal by FoBRA, Bath Preservation Trust and others that planning permission should only be granted on condition that this proportion is significantly increased has been ignored. Indeed, the B&NES Delegated Report states: "the future expansion of teaching facilities at the campus is supported by Council policy and there is no policy requirement to link this to residential expansion." FoBRA deplores this approach. Furthermore, disappointingly, no opportunity was granted for public debate at Committee.

This important decision, with a continued lack of control of demand for student accommodation across the city, combined with a flawed B&NES policy for the control of Houses in Multiple Occupation, will only add to the demise of housing opportunities for Bath residents.

Yours faithfully

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