

BERA AGM - CURRENT BATHNES TRANSPORT INITIATIVES

Central Bath CAZ – <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-clean-air-zone>

Now implemented. We supported being included.

Cleveland Bridge Repairs – <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/cleveland-bridge-renovation-project/how-we-will-manage-work>

(We wanted to keep the 18t weight limit) Repair plans and diversions now announced.

20mph speed limit for Beckford Rd – <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/highway-improvements-traffic-management/self-service-20-mph>

We supported idea , but asked who would enforce it?

Community Speedwatch Schemes for 20mph limits – We have tried to get one going here on Forester Rd as most suitable location. One trial done. Implementation delayed by covid.

Community anti idling scheme – Intended to follow up on CAZ. Also delayed by covid.

Bath City Centre Security Scheme – <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/highway-improvements-traffic-management/bath-city-centre>

These proposals were unpopular with those who live there, but would mean more traffic free city centre, which benefits us. Lots of comments. Decision timetable unclear.

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods Schemes (Mainly about rat run prevention, but controversy over displacement issues etc. Geography already gives us most of the benefits. Some areas expected to propose themselves. We may need to get directly involved in any later developments on e.g. street furniture)

“Active Travel Plans”, and in particular Beckford Rd/ North Rd Bus Gate Scheme.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/city-centre-university-bath-beckford-road-and-north-road>

Really about cycling. Highly controversial. Driven by short funding timescale. Initial proposal envisages a cycle path on Beckford Rd itself and bus gate on North Rd. Based on belief that creating cycling provision will lead to it being used. But clearly wrong route for student population, and much motor traffic diverted onto other roads. Beckford Rd aspect misconceived, and some aspects dangerous. Current consultation closed; we are told that the Council will make decisions in May.

Bath Riverline Project <https://www.bathriverline.co.uk/>

Designed to make the Avon though Bath more of a linear park. Also mainly about cycling in practice. Well developed plans to West of City. Much more immature ideas for our part of Bath and route East, envisaging a possible alternative route though the Estate (probably OK for pedestrians, but not for bikes). Envisages possible new cycle path east on our side of the river, linking up with Batheaston Cycle path at Mill Lane. Lots of controversial issues about spoiling the fields, and prioritising cyclists or pedestrians here and/or on the towpath. Website now states that this will require a separate consultation. Indeed it will.