

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## Foxhill Project / Bathampton P&R cancelled after community protest

Cleveland Pools' Immediate Neighbours **oppose** the Cleveland Pools Trust's scheme for the Pools, and we ask for **your support**

Why would **you** oppose these plans? Well:

- CPT's reconstruction of the Pools would be massively disruptive of local life. Our estate would become a lorry one-way system. **For at least a year!**
- The 'new' Pools would open up to **14 hours a day, 7 days a week**, 5 months a year, to a projected **36,000 people** - almost **500 per day**. No parking! How many drop-offs and pick-ups per day? Nuisance, pollution and danger to residents of all ages.
- CPT's plan buries the Ladies Pool, destroys or conceals other historic structures and introduces ugly modern constructions – including a toilet block obscuring the famous view of the Pools!
- CPT has already spent around **£500,000** of public money - mostly on PR, consultants and management. This sum could have restored the buildings at risk. Now they ask the lottery for £millions more. Good money after bad?
- The works would almost certainly go over budget. We also doubt whether the Pools could ever be made to pay.
- Council Tax Payers would have to bail this scheme out, very expensively, within a few short years.
- Bath wants a Lido – but Cleveland Pools **cannot satisfy this want**. The CPT's main pool takes just **133 bathers** – no room to actually swim! – the children's pool just 27!
- The CPT's scheme would disappoint all its main supporters: for swimmers, parents and children, the pools are desperately inadequate – **and open less than half the year!** For lovers of our Heritage the atmosphere and much of the actual fabric lost.
- **And it would change Bathwick Estate, utterly, and forever.**

**Our alternative proposal is overleaf. Please read it. PTO**

# **CLEVELAND POOLS: THE COMMUNITY PROPOSAL!**

The Cleveland Pools becomes a small but lovely park and heritage visitor centre, celebrating its architecture, history, and atmospheric setting. There's a small museum. Visitors are welcome to stay, picnic – and relish the tranquil character of this special place.

We use the outline of the MAIN POOL to shape a shallow water-garden, maintaining the integrity and beauty of the site; part is used for paddling or model boats in the summer. This pool isn't Georgian so it's a sensitive and realistic way to retain an attractive water-feature, with the potential for a future cold-water swimming pool.

- The CHILDREN'S POOL – Paddling pool? Landscaped garden?
- The LADIES POOL is probably the oldest in Britain: we conserve and display all that remains as part of the museum.
- The RIVER - Access to swim/kayak for residents. Riverboats visit the Pools. We preserve and celebrate the relationship of the Pools and the river.
- ACCESS - The Pools are open year-round.
- COMMUNITY - This beautiful place has value for all: users include schools, local interest groups, families and individuals.
- EVENTS - Appropriate happenings at the Pools include: folk music, charity fund-raisers, a Summer Fair? local meetings, art and theatre too. Volunteers run “pop-up” shop/refreshments.
- PARTNERSHIPS - The Pools partners the community-plus-Council Sydney Gardens “Parks for People” project, which offers many opportunities for linked events and shared support/publicity.
- FINANCE - We explore funding options after feedback from You!
- NEXT STEPS – Feedback. From BERA, B&NES, Heritage Associations - and from You. Please attend the BERA Annual General Meeting on 19th April to discuss this. Subsequently all Bathwick Estate residents will be invited to a vote.

## **CLEVELAND POOLS' IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS**

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