

## DCC Speech Newbridge and BRT

The Bath Transport Package Project Sustainability Appraisal states:

***None of the P & R sites are within the Bath World Heritage Site area***

Newbridge most certainly is, it is on designated Green Belt land within the Cotswolds AONB. Partially in a locally designated SNCI and known to host or contain protected and rare species

We object to the route of the BRT and the creation of a tarmac strip through the World Heritage Site, Conservation Area and historic core of the city Just ask York about the effect of unwieldy bendy buses on historic roads and pavements The BRT route will directly impact on the setting, character and historic fabric of Bath.

The recent submission of an application for the demolition of the structures through which the BRT is to built give an idea of the likely outcome and is somewhat injudiciously timed.

The Project Sustainability Appraisal states:

***“... There will be permanent visual effects from the car park, traffic using the P&R site and the BRT route ...”***

Policy BH1 of the Local Plan states:

***“... development which would harm the qualities which justified the inscription of Bath as a World Heritage Site will not be permitted ...”***

The implications of these proposals are immense. The BRT is flawed from the buses on it to the methodology behind it.

This application if permitted must be referred to the Secretary of State for a public inquiry.