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B&NES COUNCIL IGNORE PROPER PROCEDURE TO BREACH PLANNING CONTROL

Newbridge Matters, the Bath residents campaign group with a particular interest in the Newbridge area, has won a major victory in the fight to stop the extension of the Newbridge park and ride.

On behalf of local residents Newbridge Matters appointed a legal team to investigate this part of the ill conceived BTP. In October 2012 the legal representation wrote to B&NES Council requesting copies of the planning consent and the pre-commencement conditions. After regular reminders in mid-December 2012 B&NES Council conceded that some of the pre-commencement conditions had not been formally discharged. The Council also confirmed that the planning permission had expired.

Disappointingly, B&NES Council has shown a blatant disregard for the proper procedures and breached planning control by starting work on the site.

Newbridge Matters commented:

“Obviously we are delighted that after years of opposition to this unworkable scheme the construction has been halted. However, we are dismayed that B&NES Council has chosen to act in this way resulting in the loss of several mature trees in our neighbourhood. It is worrying that millions of local taxpayers’ money has been spent on the BTP and the Council seemingly feel it is unnecessary to follow the statutory regulations. The obvious question is what else in our City has been pushed through in this cavalier manner?”

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