

RADSTOCK

THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN IS AT STAKE

Radstock as we know it will not exist any more if B&NES goes ahead with the latest planning proposals. The NRR, B&NES's partner in this action, has officially applied for planning permission for the so-called 'Regeneration of Radstock'.

What does it mean for Radstock?

- Busy, two-lane roads to surround the shopping area completely, including a new road through from the A367 Wells Road to the A362 Frome Road, running in both directions, directly past the Victoria Hall.
- Reduction of car parking by at least two thirds
- Placement of three new roundabouts
- Addition of possibly five sets of traffic lights
- Bus stops to be dangerously relocated in the new road, close to the Victoria Hall
- The demolition of a significant portion of Radstock's industrial heritage.

The town we know and love will be changed out of all recognition and the shopping centre will be much noisier, dirtier and less appealing.

Radstock is YOUR TOWN

Now is the chance to have a say in its future.



Victoria Hall

This group of happy children with their parents have been told that Victoria Hall has been saved. But they will face great danger accessing it if the new road goes ahead.

Will the Victoria Hall and the other beautiful buildings of “the best preserved mining town centre in the country” (English Heritage) be able to withstand the impact of a new road through the town centre?

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY FORWARD?

The existing road network can be rendered safe and user friendly by adopting shared space principles. These have been demonstrated in Poynton (Cheshire), Portishead, Stonehouse (Glos) and in many parts of London, for example. Traffic lights and most signage are removed and traffic proceeds efficiently on a 'peep and creep' principle.

Advantages to Radstock

- No relief road required
- Safety of pedestrians and other road users ensured
- Shops and cafes become more attractive and popular
- Amenities can be accessed by all without risk
- Businesses become more profitable
- Less noise and air pollution
- The town becomes a place where people want to be

SAY 'NO' TO THE B&NES PLAN. Your opinion counts



Poynton (Cheshire)

Traffic on the busy Macclesfield to Manchester road moves at a steady 20 mph through this shared space. No signs, no light – and it works.

Can you imagine a shared space in Radstock?



Stonehouse (Glos)

A high quality scheme with conservation kerbing, new highway drainage and high specification surfacing.

HOUSING

The need for new housing is acute but should the quantity, design and location of new housing be chosen by bureaucrats in Bath? There are real issues affecting the local environment, ecology and infrastructure that have been ignored by the planners. The 2011 Localism Bill gives you the right to say what housing should be constructed.



Insensitive building, even of low-cost homes, can lead to ghettos and the eventual demise of a town.

Don't leave it to the planners – have your say!

TRANSPORT

If the new road system goes ahead the opportunity for a rail link will be lost forever.

Is that good for Radstock?



Mothballed railway

The old GWR track lies alongside the Sustrans cycle path to Frome. If the railway were restored, the benefits to Radstock would be huge.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Object to the application Reference Nos: 13/02436/EOUT and 13/02534/CA

- Details can be found at:
<http://isharemaps bathnes.gov.uk/projects/bathnesdevelopmentcontrol/default>
- Alternatively you can see a paper copy of the application at Radstock Library.

Send your objections to:

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IMPORTANT

When writing:

- Always quote the Reference Nos: 13/02436/EOUT and 13/02534/CA
- Always state clearly that you are objecting to the plans

Write to the papers, phone your favourite radio station.