

Bath Labour Newsletter

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FOR THE MANY, NOT THE FEW

Councillor Joe Rayment writes...

Our housing crisis cannot be solved by pitting groups of residents against each other. It can only be solved by building houses and tackling rogue landlords and developers. Labour will introduce rent controls, compulsory purchase land that developers are not using, and ensure that 'regeneration' no longer means social cleansing - as is happening at Foxhill.

We will properly fund education and the NHS, so that we eliminate the health and education inequality that we see in Bath, such as the ten-year life-expectancy gap between Twerton and Lansdown, and the fact that children from Bathwick are ten times more likely to go to university than those from Twerton. It is a stain on our city that such inequalities exist.

While everyone praises our emergency services, only Labour values them. We won't just recruit more police officers, firefighters and nurses, but we'll also pay them properly. Labour will make our communities safer.

The Tory Brexit negotiations are leading the country off a cliff edge, while the Lib Dems want to ignore the job at hand and keep on fighting the fights of last year. Labour will respect the result of the referendum but negotiate a jobs-first Brexit. It will also guarantee the rights of all EU citizens in the UK.

Only Jeremy Corbyn and Labour have a vision that will deliver for Bath and for Britain. Only we will create a country for the many, not the few.



Jeremy Corbyn, Brighton 2017



Foxhill estate

Save Foxhill

Local residents are fighting to save the Foxhill estate from a redevelopment that risks destroying an established community, ravaging green spaces and creating an environment that deters pedestrians. The new houses already being built on Mulberry Park demonstrate Curo's commitment to density over environmental quality.

Residents on the Foxhill estate were alarmed when they realised that redevelopment of the old Foxhill MoD site would also include demolition of large parts

of the existing estate. The development by Curo, the largest social housing provider in B&NES, would increase the density of the site from 542 homes to 700, despite cutting the social housing provision.

The Labour Party has proposed policies that would mean residents have a veto on poorly thought-out redevelopments like Foxhill. Under Labour, redevelopment would be for the benefit of local people, not for developers, and tenants would be properly listened to.

Our Toxic Air

The air in Bath is being polluted by cars and heavy goods vehicles queuing in a city that is ill suited to large quantities of traffic. Fine particles and nitrous dioxide from emissions can contribute to respiratory illnesses, cancers and heart conditions.

Streets like the London Road and Lower Bristol Road are particularly affected and have exceeded 'safe' limits for decades. Courts have ruled that government and local policies are inadequate.

The Conservative council has pinned its hopes on mega projects, like an A4-A36 link road and extra Park and Ride facilities. However, these won't remove the worst traffic and will take years to complete.

Labour is calling for the council to take immediate action: limiting through traffic and improving bus services to reduce rush hour pressure. Labour activists in Bath are pressing for urgent action on this issue that affects us all.



Traffic on London Road

A National Education Service

The National Audit Office has released a report that details schools' struggles to recruit and keep teachers under the current Tory government. 97% of school leaders surveyed said lack of funding was hampering their ability to improve their workforce.

Labour has pledged to increase funding for schools and education, believing that investment in people and development of skills will provide a stronger economy and society.

Labour seeks to create a unified National Education Service in order to deliver cradle-to-grave learning that is free at the point of use; boosting services from pre-schools to adult education and skills training.



Anti-cuts protest in Bristol

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University of Bath campus.

University of Bath Vice Chancellor Pay

Joe Rayment, Labour Councillor for Twerton, has campaigned tirelessly on pay inequality at the University of Bath, an issue now gaining the prominence it deserves. Vice Chancellor Dame Glynis Breakwell is paid more than any other vice chancellor in the country. Her pay packet of £451,000 per year is around thirty times that of the lowest paid member of staff. She also claimed £20,000 in expenses last year, a figure uncovered by Cllr Rayment's freedom-of-information request.

The chief university regulator, the Higher Education Funding Council for England, has

responded to complaints from Cllr Rayment, local trade unions, and the House of Lords and is investigating the University. Additionally, three Labour MPs have resigned from a university governance body in protest at the huge pay inequality.

Students, staff and members of the public should all be rightly angry about what's going on at the University of Bath and the Tories' unwillingness to stop it. Only Labour will take real action to ensure a good deal for students, staff and the taxpayer.