

Thank you Joanna , Peter and Wera for bring this conference together and thank all of you for struggling against the snow to get here.

The context, As a relatively new councillor I have learnt three important lessons . In Bath everyone has a strongly held opinion on how to solve the traffic problems, 2 there is no one Silver bullet which will solve all the problems in Bath and finally the Council systems to protect and scrutinise the use of taxpayers money means that progress is glacially slow and patients is required. On Average 3 Years, year 1 Lightbulb moment , year 2 get it into the Budget, year 3 get it done. Finally in the introduction, My mantra across all of my portfolio of Sustainability, Resilience, Highways and Transport, Paraphrasing Clinton It's "the environment stupid".

My vision statement is a unifying vision that builds on current transport strategy's. writing there are one or two strategies missing which we are playing catch up on.

At the heart of this vision is an ambition to make Bath a city, quicker, cleaner and easier to get from A to B, with a transport system (all types trains, trams, buses, cycles and walking) that supports our local economy, enhances Bath's status as a World Heritage site and reduces levels of pollution.

Specifically

Introducing a range of measures that improve Baths air quality , but I will be careful not to swop one problem for another NOx for Carbon.

Greater pedestrian in the centre of the City.

Minimising traffic Passing through the city.

Working with Bus companies to make mass transport popular

Increasing cycle and pedestrian commuter and recreational traffic

Encouraging maximum use of clean/ultra clean vehicles.

Encouraging Tourists to use public transport when visiting the city.

Targets

Walking 8%Increase by 2020 from 2015 Base line

Cycling 22% Increase by 2020 from 2015 Base line

Bus passengers 2.5% increase by 2020 from 2015 base line

Rail passengers 16%increase by 2020 from 2015 base line

What I need your support for the following issues:

Understanding we all have to be community minded which might mean a personal sacrifice to achieve community aims. Pedestalisation-not parking where you are used to.

Differential car parking charges based on pollution. Knowing that no current scale is unequivocal - real world/lab based.

Following our work with Central Government on air quality supporting a toxicity charge on all vehicles entering the city.

If the ANPR data proves it a Link road A36/46 to take traffic off the London road and Cleveland bridge.

Targeting the school run by providing safer routes for walking, cycling and working with the Bus companies to provide more and affordable public transport.