

Transport & Governance letter to Chronicle

Peter Burns' 27th Aug letter ("Need to make sure all city is represented") makes good points about City governance but attacks the Federation of Bath Residents' Associations (FoBRA) quite unjustifiably.

FoBRA's constitutional requirement is "to act impartially on the merits of the case and to avoid religious or political bias". This is demonstrated by its consistent encouragement for the Eastern Park and Ride, despite vacillation by politicians over the years. We were greatly relieved when all parties on the Council came round to incorporating it into the Bath Transport Strategy last Autumn, and now appear to be actively pursuing it.

FoBRA's concerned neutrality has again been shown in its longstanding support, with all complexions of administrations, for efficient and focused City governance. However, this has not been uncritical support, as shown by my 30th July letter in this paper ("City forum represents a missed opportunity").

Instead of criticising FoBRA, Mr Burns could attend some of FoBRA's meetings (all are open to the public), or, better still, he could create a Residents' Association in Weston, and then apply to join FoBRA. Representation from that part of Bath would be very welcome.

Robin Kerr, FoBRA Chairman

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