

East of Bath Park & Ride proposals

Information on site options

Bath is embarking on the next stage of its development legacy with the recent adoption of the Bath Riverside Masterplan. Key to its success will be effective connectivity and access. The existing Park and Ride sites are very popular with the public and have recently been expanded. But people from the east have limited choices about where to park and face long queues especially along London Road. We therefore have to address this gap in provision to ensure that Bath's growth is sustainable by providing good accessibility; a key component being a new Park and Ride to the East.

The 'Getting Around Bath' Transport Strategy states that: *A park and ride site to the east would complete the picture, allowing people to choose not to drive into the centre and thus contribute to a better city environment.*

And recommends: *That further work is required to establish the need for increased Park and Ride capacity as part of a wider parking strategy and to undertake a detailed assessment of sites to the East of the City. This consultation forms part of the assessment process.*

The Benefits of Park and Ride

Park and Ride provides motorists with an efficient public transport offer at the edge of the city which reduces traffic in the historic central area. In doing so, the poor air quality from vehicle emissions can be reduced. The Park and Ride buses would use the existing bus lane on London Road to ensure the reliability of Park and Ride services and make Park and Ride use attractive when compared with completing journeys by car.

Objectives for a Park and Ride Scheme

- To reduce congestion within the city and around our off-street car parking sites
- To improve the city's environment
- To reduce car use into the city centre and improve the proportion of journeys made by public transport
- To reduce carbon emissions from transport

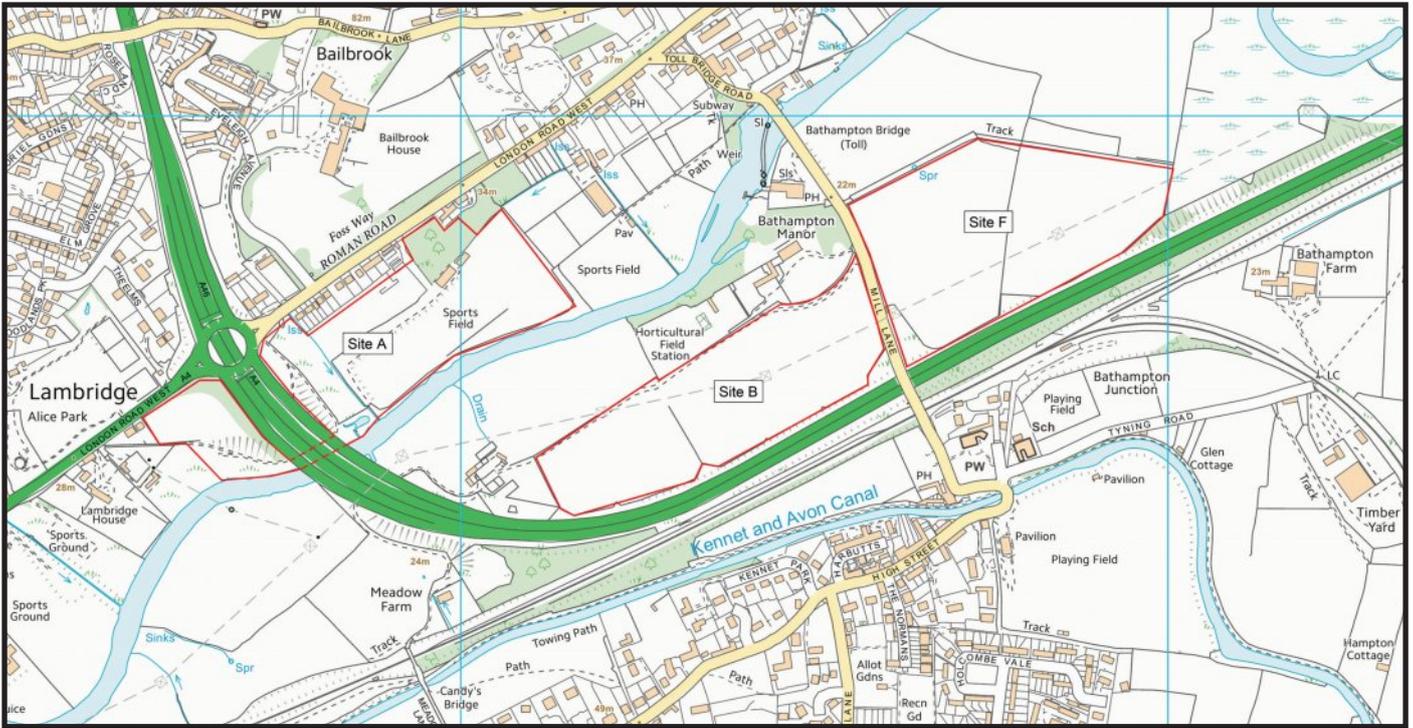


- To support the city's economic development and Enterprise Area
- To improve connectivity to support business and growth of the wider region

Identifying an appropriate site

Park and Ride facilities need to be:

1. Well located for main roads to capture car drivers entering the City from the East.
 2. Near to the city to reduce travel time from the Park & Ride.
 3. Near to the city to reduce running costs.
 4. Large enough to support the expected demand.
- These considerations suggest that the sites set out overleaf are viable sites for this facility.



Site East of A4/A46 Junction (option A)

This site is closest to the city with access from London Road West, with the majority of the site being east of the London Road roundabout.

Site West of Mill Lane (option B)

The site is located adjacent to the A4 Bathampton Bypass to the west of Mill Lane with access via a new junction onto the A4 dual carriageway. The design of this new junction will be reviewed to see if it can be located west of Mill Lane Bridge possibly using a slip road.

Site East of Mill Lane (option F)

This site is located adjacent to the A4 Bathampton Bypass to the east of Mill Lane. Planning permission for this site was granted in May 2009 with access via a new junction on the A4 dual carriageway but was not progressed. The site is owned by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

The table below is a quick guide to the headline pros and cons of each site. All three sites are big enough for the number of parking spaces needed, and near enough to Bath for efficient bus services into the city.

AREA	FOR	AGAINST
Land east of A4/A46 junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Near to the city ✓ Would accommodate a large number of cars ✓ Visual impact could be reduced by landscaping and planting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Poor existing access to London Road ✗ High risk of flooding ✗ Part of the River Avon Site of Nature Conservation Interest ✗ Inside City of Bath World Heritage Site and Bath Conservation Area ✗ Would create a need to replace the existing playing fields elsewhere
Land west of Mill Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not considered at risk of flooding ✓ Outside City of Bath World Heritage Site ✓ Visual impact could be reduced by landscaping and planting ✓ Could service a new railway station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Requires new access from A4 ✗ Might require access from adjoining site with a tunnel under Mill Lane
Land east of Mill Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Low risk of flooding ✓ Outside City of Bath World Heritage Site ✓ Visual impact could be reduced by landscaping and planting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Requires new access from A4 ✗ Would be visible to a number of homes