

FoBRA Transport Report - May 2026

There are no major citywide transport consultations open at present, which makes this a good time to remind RAs where they can find relevant information and consultations on some of the local transport-related matters:

- For a schedule of planned surfacing works see <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/find-planned-street-works> or for fuller information about works likely to disrupt traffic there is an area-wide interactive map available at <https://one.network/uk/bathnes>
- Minor highways-related matters requiring work (broken pavement stones/kerbs, dangerous road surface, damaged/obstructed road signage, road flooding, overhanging vegetation obstructing road or signs etc) can be reported most easily – and are then usually addressed more quickly – using Fix My Street <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>
- Traffic Regulation Orders: There is a fairly constant stream of these, generally notified by on-site A4 notices, for anything from speed limit changes to significant changes of road layout. as well as temporary Orders for road closures for eg parades or RA street parties. You can locate TROs relevant to your RA area by selecting from the long list by location or type. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-orders>
- A reminder that Liveable Neighbourhoods schemes have individual timelines and if there is any scheme that may be relevant to your RA area you can monitor progress on the B&NES “Your Liveable Neighbourhoods” webpage: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/your-liveable-neighbourhoods>

Specific Updates

Temporary Transport Disruption affecting access to station and bus station

Due to a major road improvement project Manvers Street is to be closed shortly until November between Henry Street and Dorchester Street. This will result in re-routing of many bus services and if you use this route to the station you should factor this into your plans. If you don't already know it, now may be a good time to discover the handy layby on the opposite side of the river near the Halfpenny Bridge where you can drop train passengers off with ca. 100m walk across the bridge to the back entrance of the station.

“Movement Strategy”

Following the consultation a few months ago on the Movement Strategy, a report has been published, accessibly from this page:

<https://www.banestransport.co.uk/index.php?contentid=37>

WECA – School Holiday bus services

WECA have announced that their “Kids Go Free” scheme will be repeated this summer making bus travel free for Under-16s across the WECA area during the school holidays.

University Transport

The Planning Committee granted Consent to the development of nearly 1000 new student residential units on campus. There was quite widely expressed concern at the lack of resolution of key questions on necessary transport aspects especially feasible and safe Active Travel provision, Active Travel England being particularly critical. On conflict with Bath Rugby's

ostensibly substantial planning obligations to provide post-development Park & Ride services from campus for Bath Recreation Ground, the Planning Officer felt unable to contradict the relevant planning obligation as stated in the Rec application, quoting instead another officer's opinion of a much narrower meaning. This was considered to remove the need to consider adequacy of student bus services, but as the first Rec transport obligation to have been tested, this outcome deepens concern as to whether any of the transport/P&R planning obligations in the Rec agreement will result in the ostensibly intended mitigations.

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