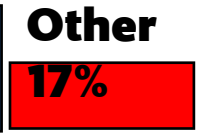


# FOCUS

How you voted in Odd Down

In May 2007

On Odd Down/Kingsway



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## Odd Down Youth Club



Conservative led Bath and North East Somerset Council is to close Odd Down Youth Club. This is part of £350,000 of cuts to the youth service, described as “creating a flexible, dynamic and responsive service”.

This in spite of the Partners and Communities together (PACT) meetings led by the police saying problems created by young people is a priority for this area.

### Conservatives say one thing and do another.

In their leaflet after the last local elections in May, they were announcing that they were “investing £100,000 into youth clubs including Odd Down” now they are closing it six months later.

Cllr Nigel Roberts said “ We are very disappointed with this decision, the council has announced the closure, but have no plans on what to do next.”

Cllr Steve Hedges said “ The Conservatives have ignored the residents that turned up at the PACT meetings and said they want something done about the anti-social behaviour that occurs in Odd Down and Kingsway”

Bath’s MP Don Foster added “The council needs to keep a youth service in Odd Down, we at least need to have detached youth work,

## closing

### New Housing Update Urban Extension

The Government inspector has made the announcement confirming that about the 1500 extra houses are to be built on the south west of Bath, and also added another 3000 houses to be built around Keynsham. This will go to the Government minister, who will either reject or accept the report, there will then be another consultation. There are a number of rumours that the Government wants to build even more houses.

Cllr Steve Hedges commented that “ The proposals also suggested creating a highways authority for the Avon area. Having got rid of Avon County Council, there is a big concern about the creation of another Avon wide body.”

Cllr Nigel Roberts said “ All these house are based on Bath producing another 20,000 jobs before 2026. There is no way that number of jobs will be created it is just an excuse to build on more green fields.”

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# National support for maternity campaign

Over 100 MPs from all parties have so far backed a Commons motion tabled by Bath's MP, Don Foster, calling on the Government to provide sufficient funding so that women are adequately supported throughout pregnancy.



Commenting, Don said: "There simply aren't enough midwives to deliver on the Government's promises of one-to-one maternity care.

"In Bath we have seen the number of community midwives cut from 18 to 12 and the loss of NHS ante natal classes

"With the birth rate rising and many midwives set to retire over the next decade, the situation will only get worse.

"The Government needs to stop burying its head in the sand and launch a national review of capacity in maternity services."

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## No to Incinerator

Liberal Democrats are welcoming a change of heart by the Conservative-run Cabinet on Bath and North East Somerset Council regarding the proposal to build an incinerator for non-recyclable waste in the West.

Liberal Democrats from across the former Avon area have been campaigning against the incinerator plans, being considered by the West of England Waste Partnership following a public consultation which has been described as 'flawed'.

## Clarks - Factory building

We have received a number of complaints about the new factory at the Clark's development: that its a eyesore on the skyline, it has interfered with television signals and that it is too big. We have spoken to the planning officers and enforcement to look at what has been built and to compare that to the plans that were passed by the planning committee.

## Re-cycling in Kingsway

When there is a problem with re-cycling collections Kingsway misses out. Recently the keys to the vehicles were in a safe that was stolen, but there is a concern that the council is not providing enough vehicles to complete all of the rounds. Cllr



Nigel Roberts is asking "The council to ensure that re-cycling is picked up on the right day, or residents are going to get fed up and not bother."

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