



Transition Bath is a charity whose aim is to build a sustainable future for Bath. Transition Bath would like to support planning application 18/01267/FUL.

We would like support this application as it proposes an energy efficient building with good cycling facilities and no increase in car parking.

Are specific comments are as follows:

- We support the buildings 20% reduction in carbon emissions versus minimum Building Regulations
- However, we would have liked to have seen an air source heat pump used rather than a gas boiler for heating and hot water. Gas is a fossil fuel, and we feel its short-sighted to install gas boilers going forward as they will need to be replaced within the life of the building in order to meet the UK's future carbon commitments. Many of the other large building developments in Bath and now planning to use air source heat pumps, we therefore believe their use, is both economic and feasible; despite an evaluation it is not clear from the Energy Statement why this option was rejected?
- We particularly support the siting of cycle racks for 46 bicycles in this location as it is close to the main access road into the university, in a accessible location. We feel it important to encourage cycling that cycles racks are provide in locations which encourage their use