

Dear Miss Boston

Re: Friends of Severn Beach Railway

Thank you very much for sending me your leaflet on "The S-Route for Bristol".

You will understand of course that I have no idea of what the economics would be of this but I have no doubt whatever that it is important to preserve any existing rail routes. Even one piece of a line being lost through somebody being allowed to extend their garden across it might well eliminate any of its possible future potential.

As for its use, I also am sure that there is an increasing and indeed essential role for public transport in future and any routes that can provide alternatives to the car in an attractive and economic manner must be welcome.

I would certainly be interested to hear of any further developments or thoughts on this matter although, not currently sitting on the Planning, Transport and Development Committee, I am unlikely to see the detailed reports.

Thank you very much though for the information and I appreciate the thought.

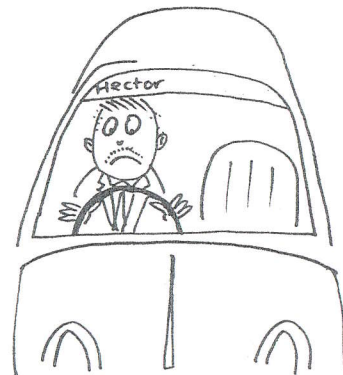
Yours sincerely

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David Poole  
City Councillor - Westbury on Trym

**Organisations affiliated to FOSBR :**

- Avon Ramblers
- Bristol Rail Branch R.M.T.
- Bristol Rail Drivers A.S.L..E.F
- Bristol & East Exchange Trading Scheme (BEET)
- Cotham Labour Party
- Living Easton
- Manufacturing Science and Finance (MSF)
- Avon Staff branch,
- Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council
- Redland Labour Party
- Transport 2000 (Avon branch)
- Bristol City Unison



**FOSBR MEETINGS**

**everybody welcome**

**Saturday 13 March and 10 April**

**6.15 pm**

**Lamplighters Pub (near river) Station Road, Shirehampton**

Thanks to the Evening Post for contributions to newsletter. Phone news for next issue to 0117 942 8637 - we're going bi-monthly. Deadline Wed 31 March 1999

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**LET'S MAKE FULL USE OF OUR RAIL NETWORK**

Bristol City Council is organising meetings throughout the city to present their LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN. These meetings start at 7.30 pm, are extremely well organised and give people a chance to hear and discuss the Council's proposals. Their solutions are :

- Traffic Management / calming,
- Walking /cycling / safer routes to school
- Traffic Restraint
- Public Transport



The Council does not run 'public transport'. They operate a damage limitation policy of topping up bus and rail frequency by giving £1.3 million to First Group and £100,000 to Wales and West each year.

The transport meetings are an ideal opportunity for Friends to publicise Bristol's **S rail route** with our yellow leaflet. Many people do not know that the track is in place and could provide a passenger service from Portishead to Yate. A woman who has just returned from Vancouver told the Henleaze meeting that a 7 year campaign resulted in a brilliant rail system there. Councillor Brown (Henleaze) said that the Transport Committee were interested and had asked the officers to look at the **S route**. Cllr Pyle, (Henbury) Cllr Lukins (Avonmouth) Cllr Keefe (Bishopston) and Cllr Poole (Westbury-on-Trym) have all contacted FOSBR and expressed interest. FRIENDS should take a copy of the **S route** leaflet to their local meeting. (NB We aim to put leaflets in all libraries. Any volunteers ?)

The people of Bristol have had enough of being strangled by car fumes and grid lock, writes an *Easton FRIEND*. It's time to get traffic off the road and back on rail. The only way to get a modern transport system will be when the current ramshackle set-up is replaced by a publicly owned national railway system.

**MEETINGS START AT 7.30 PM**

- West Town Lane junior school, Stockwood, Friday, March 5;
- Lawrence Weston School, Stile Acres, Monday, March 8;
- Novers Lane Junior School, Knowle, Tuesday, March 9;
- Redland High School, Redland Court Road, Thursday, March 11;
- Monks Park School, Filton Road, Horfield, Monday, March 15;
- Hartcliffe Community Centre, Hareclive Road, Tuesday, March 16;
- Millpond School, Baptist

- Street, Easton, Wednesday, March 17;
- Broadmead Baptist Church, Union Street, Monday, March 22;
- Whitefield School, Snowdon Road, Fishponds, Tuesday, March 23;
- St George's Community Centre, Church Road, St George, Thursday, March 25;
- Parson Street primary school, Bedminster, Friday, March 26;
- Brislington School, Hungerford Road, Monday, March 29.



**Listening:** Richard Pyle and Helen Holland with highways director Richard Rawlinson