

# Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum - Environment Workshop 19 June 2008

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## Workshops:

### **ENERGY**

Claims for Technologies? Access to experience if those *with* new technologies

Water Fountains

Rail/Waterways for freight. Electric vehicles.

Renewable Energy for commercial buildings

Solar powered street furniture

Re-draw school catchments

TW heat planning: solar thermal on houses?

Standards *can* be exceeded for buildings

Listed? De-listing?

Rural areas: adaptation

Media role

### **TRANSPORT**

Immediately increase evening and Sunday local bus services

Improve bus information, as the No. 281 has done with some success

Integrate (and increase) all public transport eg. Combine access for bus and rail

Council tax reduction for non car users

Introduce local road tax

Car pooling and car sharing should be subsidised and encouraged

Provide job and housing opportunities to enable walking to and from work

TWBC employees to be incentivised to use public transport/cycle

### **FOOD**

Allotments and gardening skills

Farmers' Market (although considered high cost)

Increase self reliance

Provident living

High food costs

Education: cooking

Convenience

Waste

Date stamps

Awareness: objective information

### **WASTE**

Loss of community facilities – no local shops

Company profits (waste management)

Not enough mini recycling centres

Business waste: possible re-use

Kerbside collection vs cost

Recycling not sophisticated enough

Education

TWBC vs other councils vs cost

Different strategies eg. Essex waste sorter

Why throw anything away – supermarkets

Plastic 123 bottles only – education

End product of recycling – what happens?

Supermarket dependency

Special provision eg. Hospital

Follow up questions: