



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

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Spafest

The Town Forum has raised a number of key issues on the Spafest events planned for **Tunbridge Wells Common**. The Forum is very concerned over management of potential public nuisance and traffic control but the big issue is that such a large scale and innovative Town event is being advertised without having been approved through a public consultation and even before all the relevant licenses have been granted by TWBC.

Daniel Bech, a member of the Town Forum said: *"The discussion concerning Spafest made again clear that key new Town initiatives must be developed in the open and be subject to the views and influence of the Town's residents"*.

Community Plan Representation

The Town Forum has previously warmly welcomed TWBC's Community Plan. The Forum's response to the Plan was formally approved at the most recent meeting on 22 June and can be read in full on the Forum's website.

www.townforum.org.uk/consultation\rtw-townforum-commentscommunityplan-meeting150606-final.pdf

The key theme of the Forum's response is that the Town's continuing growth should be economically and environmentally sustainable; amongst the Forum's proposed initiatives are that all new residential and commercial developments must incorporate energy efficiency and water collection and re-use measures; that TWBC take the lead in energy efficiency by installing photo voltaic cells and wind turbines on the Town's public buildings and that the enhancement of the local skills base be encouraged by establishment of a town university.

Matt Goodwin, the Forum's chairman, said: *"I welcome the input by so many of our members to the Community Plan response - it highlights the concerns of the Town's residents but at the same time offers many important and valuable ideas on how to improve our town and our quality of life."*

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