

*I am here tonight because I am concerned that you are not aware of the new evidence emerging about P&R and because you may have forgotten about the past. Please listen carefully to what I have to say.*

In 2009 members of the Development Control committee were told that;

- Odd Down Park and Ride was up to 85 % full and
- by 2011 there would be demand for 1300 spaces.

That forecast was wrong. Today, at the busiest time there are just 664 cars at Odd Down. – DC committee you were duped!

Don't take my word for it. This is the latest report ch2m it says that;

- Odd Down utilisation is 53% or 59% if you take out Sundays
- spare capacity is very high at Odd Down – more than 500 spaces
- Maximum capacity exceeded 90% on only 3 occasions during the Xmas market period

Funnily enough this is what Andrew Lee told you in February, so please can you stop saying that you don't agree with BMA figures. They are your figures now.

There is in fact much more that we can agree upon in this new report

We agree with ch2m that

- The number of P&R spaces required, and when they will be required, is dependent on how quickly the EA is developed.
- That there is an existing spare capacity in P&R of more than 1000 spaces, and
- because of this you will not need an east of Bath P&R till sometime between 2019 and 2022 - IF AT ALL

We agree with ch2m that

- you must monitor the network and the take up of P&R going forward, and

- you must put effort into shifting travel mode to walking/cycling and buses.

Ch2m concludes that if all the planned development goes ahead you will not need more than 300-400 spaces to the east by 2029

We believe that if you find temporary parking for peak events like the Christmas Market you can reduce this by at least another 100 spaces.

We agree with Ch2m that

- it is 'interesting' that the Mott MacDonald's 'do nothing' scenario says that if you don't build a P&R to the east the shortfall by 2029 will be just 122 spaces.

So Councillors, you now have 2 reports telling you the same thing, that there is no need to do anything now, other than

- monitor traffic and P&R take up and,
- focus on walking, cycling and buses

I am glad we have finally reached agreement on this.