

Tim, on Radio Bristol this morning, pre-recorded from last week's launch of Cabinet papers you said:

"we have to do something otherwise you'll be back here in 5 year's time asking me why I didn't do anything about the traffic"

What spin in the face of your own reports, submitted to the National Planning Inspector that say that there will only be 100 cars taken off the London Road in the morning rush hour and even then, only by 2029. And your own Q&A that says: *Any decrease in traffic volumes as a result of a park and ride to the east of Bath will not be significant enough to detect changes in air quality.*

Your own Q&A also tells you that 62% of drivers on the A4 bypass are commuters who don't use P&R today. P&R are emptiest when congestion is worst.

So absolutely yes, please – do something about the traffic – something that will actually make a difference now. Not just for congestion, but for the health of residents. You set out in your manifesto an ambition that *by the end of the first five years of implementing this Manifesto, residents will have begun to see a real improvement in our transport system*

How will you do that now if you put all your borrowed cash into this so-called '**future**' scheme?

I sat here in November 2015 and said that as a former Head of Customer Experience Measurement for Sainsbury's, the standard of analysis in the report you were taking your decision on was unacceptably low.

As you know Tim, we have recently submitted a detailed complaint about that report as it provided inaccurate and misleading information to Councillors (including Cabinet Members) and to the general public.

I sit here today telling you that if you believe that the stuff written in this report is any better than you are closing your mind to the truth. We have published an assessment of it today that I have sent to each of you. For you to use this as the basis for your decision is unacceptable.

To those speaking towards the end today who will stand up to say that the council must press on to make Bath fit for growth and new jobs etc. I entirely agree with you. We must. But I challenge you to come up with a single shred of evidence that this is the **correct year-round solution** for our city. The only time P&R is used in earnest is Christmas Market time. Quoting irrelevant and overstated passenger numbers at us from the report as evidence of success will not cut it – this is about taking cars off the road not counting people who can get on at public bus stops on the way into town.

You are supporting something that will not make the very difference to congestion that you seek - to make this a vibrant and pleasurable place to live, work and visit. Shame on you if you continue to support this sham.