

Statement from David Redgewell at Special Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

SWTN, Railfuture and Bus Users UK wish to make the following points :-

- 1) we support site B because it allows us to put in a rail based platform in the future similar to Shirehampton Portway P & R and could be part of MetroWest Phase 3 to Corsham and Chippenham and Swindon.
- 2) The Park and Ride bus service to the City Centre could be supplemented by bus service to the RUH and the University to act as a transport hub.
- 3) There will be a need for through ticketing with Wessex, First Group (bus and rail), CTC and Abus Faresaver.
- 4) Buses from Chippenham, Colerne and Marshfield should operate through the Park and Ride similar to Oxford and Salisbury. The London Road requires bus lanes in both directions.
- 5) The Park and Ride will improve air quality in the City Centre, allow the development of Bath Quays including the demolition of Avon Street car park.
- 6) Traffic restrictions in Dorchester Street around the bus station subject to a study.
- 7) The site needs to be well landscape using tarmac and chippings and clear linkage to a platform in the future for a Bathampton MetroWest turnback platform.
- 8) The buses should be modern hybrid models with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, tables, UB charging points.

We hope this scheme will now go forward with the West of England Transport Board and the Metro Mayor.

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