

ENTRY HILL GOLF COURSE

Good evening,

My carbon footprint increased finding an alternative to the closed Entry Hill. But what a find - 9 hole, handicap rated, affordable, tee times filled from early morning until late afternoon 7 days a week. A welcoming family concern attracting all ages to course and cafe. More people, more active, more often.

You have a gem at Entry Hill. Yet every public statement, even the Lemon Gazelle Survey, was prefaced with talk of declining numbers and financial losses. What level of mismanagement have you overseen? What burden have you imposed on council tax payers? Even part paying a Council Officer for oversight.

I am worried that Cabinet has been so misled about the prospects for Entry Hill.

Worried that you have the old fashioned view that golf courses are 'green deserts, not aware of golfers care for the environment, their work with wild life organisations

Worried you are unaware of the bid's liaison with local residents keen to maintain free community access to the site.

Horrified by the bold announcement on Walk Ride Bath's Social Media Page- 95% certainty that Bath will have a Mountain Bike Park, 3 such bids, golf is the lowest rated option of all. A Bike Park was unaffordable in July. Has the Council bowed to pressure from a nationwide online survey to subsidise its construction? What about the 1,000 signature golf petition? How alarming that confidential information has reached the public domain at this very late stage. Sprung on a totally unprepared community where it was the least popular option.

The other bid presumably 'The Forest of the Imagination' was heralded as a 'major new visitor attraction' A park was a popular survey response. Yet how much free access will be available?

Cabinet please be honest. Are you in danger of asking Council taxpayers to be responsible for grabbing grants and taking loans to construct what might be a White Elephant? Are you about to cause years of upheaval to a settled community in pursuit of a new major attraction? In these cash strapped times most residents would prefer you to concentrate all your resources on your stewardship of this heritage city, steadily becoming defaced by graffiti and litter. I feel residents might prefer the success of my present golf club recreated at Entry Hill, with input from the community, the local Wildlife Trust, the RSPB. A cost free, simple solution to a self-inflicted problem. No grandiose schemes please. Bath citizens have long memories of those.

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