

## Talk to Cabinet 10 Nov 2021 by Martin Grixoni

Good evening,

Before I start I would like to thank Cllr Guy for his support in offering a property in Walcot Street for the Legion and their Poppy appeal. As we have both been in the Naval Service, on this approach at least I sense we can have broad agreement!

I have spoken here a number of times, and on this occasion I should declare that I am intending to stand for the Conservative party as a Councillor in the Weston ward at the next local elections.

I have been heartened to do that by an increasing level of support amongst those that are not happy with the direction that this administration is taking.

To the extent that I now appear here alongside Cllr Pritchard as a slightly more than 'concerned citizen';

My theme tonight covers what I estimate is a too high-handed approach to push through an agenda that is increasingly not wanted, especially as we move beyond a once in a Century pandemic.

I offer you some local feedback:

This is not the earlier quoted accusation by Cllr Guy of a default moaning position, but a genuine plea from our voters:

Quote:

*I'm embarrassed by them all - all I want is to get the problem solved because it is bigger than petty point scoring. We ALL need to pay attention to this.*

*As far as Weston is concerned:*

*Sort the buses to align with RUH shifts*

*Use our library (as saved by Cllr Karen Warrington!)*

*and our wonderful local shops, or we'll lose them!*

And a general quote:

*I'd like to see a simple, easy-to understand list of all the problems contributing. Once you've got that you can untangle the problem.*

*Indeed can we not please agree we need an Eastern Park and Ride, better use of the railway and some old stations re-opened Better school buses, And lastly (in my personal view) an A46/36 link road.*

*Here are some other local views:*

*I can't be alone in thinking I am being forced to make a choice between expensive inconvenience to shop in the city or if I won't do this, swerve it entirely. I'm a swerver, the traffic & parking issues have p\*\*\*\*\* me off so much I don't come in unless I have to, so shop online or anywhere but the city centre.*

*School transport: Quote:*

*you'd think kids would & should catch a bus or use a designated service - but they don't as the cost & reliability of ordinary bus to school is so S\*\*\**

*Make them affordable & run on-time & they would.*

In my belief the 'School run' takes up a third of our traffic at those times –there surely must be a better way!

Quote:

*Don't give us a pile of LTN's in a city full of hills with a Trunk road going through the centre.*

Closing off North Road to give a cycle route is really just not clever.

As to the recent jams that have bought so much disruption:

Quote:

*Lack of forethought have made the air quality so much worse. They couldn't have made it worse if they ran a steam train round Queen Square in time with those b\*\*\*\*\* helicopter rides. Clean air zones? My a\*\*\*.*

In my view we should be concentrating on listening to our constituents, getting the Cities businesses back on their feet, making transport in, around and out of here easier – not giving our Tourist Office for Bristol to run.

And the last quote – heard increasingly in my experience:

*Ashamed I voted LibDem –*

*and this is what democracy is about – Like or dislike us -we think we've got better plans and are just more competent at implementing them.*

*Sixteen months to go!*