
STATEMENT FROM DAVID REDGEWELL TO THE WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP MEETING OF 18TH MARCH 2010

- 1) Improvements are still awaited to both Keynsham and Oldfield Park Stations - disabled access and CCTV urgently required - as is indeed the case for all local stations across the Greater Bristol Area such as Nailsea and Backworth, Lawrence Hill, Parson Street, etc. Indeed, with so many passengers travelling from West Wiltshire and across the travel to work area, these facilities require close working with local authorities across the area to achieve a consistent level of provision for the travelling public.
- 2) It is to be hoped that the WoEP will press to have \Portishead reopening included within Phase 1. Phase 2 being the extension of the Metro services to Warminster, Cheltenham, Swindon and Taunton. The N.Bristol Henbury Loop and Filton North proposals are supported wholeheartedly.
- 3) It is hoped more resources will be put into proper and appropriate policing of the network.
- 4) Bus integration - The GBBN Yate to Bristol via Stapleton Road it would appear bus stops are being moved further from the station entrances.
- 5) Many stations still have an Avon CC symbols - such as Freshford and Oldfield Park which should be replaced by Greater Bristol Metro and Travel Plus symbols, with the strapliine "Greater Bristol Metro; Greater Bristol Rapid Transit; Grreater Bristol Bus; Greater Bristol Ferries as applicable.
- 6) Shirehampton and Pill Ferries should be reinstated alongside the rail links.
- 7) The HGV/Bus Lanes should remain on the Avon Ring Road as the benefits of these are obvious to an authority which wishes to create a more public transport friendly environment.
- 8) The experimental turning off of traffic lights in Bristol appears to be dangerous for certain classes of people - the disabled and wheelchair bound are particularly disadvantaged and one was almost killed by a boy racer. Those whose sight is failing are also placed in a serious predicament, not being able to see oncoming traffic with any certainty.
- 9) I should like to remind members that in the Bristol area 4,000 jobs are directly linked to the provision of public transport. It is an important consideration which reequires the support of the WoEP, given that these are real jobs 363 days of the year.
- 10) It is hoped that the WoEP will use every endeavour to ensure that the proposed GW electrification proceeds as soon as possible in order that the Bristol Metro can benefit from local electric rail services. We would refer members to the pteg website and the passenger figures which followed electrification there. It is hoped that the Great Bristol;l Metro will continue to receive cross party support, both now and in the future.

Many thanks,

David Redgewell