

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 18 – Members’ Questions

From Cllr Edward Kirk – Trowbridge Adcroft Division

To Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Libraries

Question (24-35)

At the Trowbridge Area Board on Thursday 3rd October, where the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling provided an update and asked for any questions from the Public or Councillors on the Trowbridge Leisure Centre, which is being built on the East Wing Car Park. The Cabinet Member refused/declined (failed to answer) my question on what the alternative plans were for Staff Car Parking and whether Residents/Visitors and Workers in the Town (the Public), would still receive Free Car Parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the remaining County Hall car parking spaces.

The Cabinet Member made bold statements regarding the high level of project management and planning behind this much needed Trowbridge Leisure Centre and stated that the planning application is already in and that they have a projected start date of early next year. Given these facts, I do not think it is unreasonable to have a direct answer now to the question:

What are the alternative plans for Staff Car Parking and will the Public still receive Free Car Parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the remaining Wiltshire Council Staff Car Parking spaces at County Hall?

Response:

Following the proposal to build the new the new Trowbridge Leisure Centre on the County Hall east wing site, there will be less available space at this location. A car parking review is being undertaken to both understand occupancy rate of staff car parks and to replace the majority (if not all) of spaces that will be lost because of the Leisure Centre build to ensure there continues to be adequate spaces to accommodate staff and visitors