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Feedback on plans for the Meadow Lane Car Park

- **Lack of consultation**

IFRA is very annoyed at the lack of consultation, for limiting the size of the car park and the continued closure of the car park to the public.

- **Equal Opportunities and Access Issues**

The river Thames is a unique and wonderful resource for all Oxford residents.

- **Pedestrians and Bike users** There are very few access points to get onto the rivers towpath across the city (Godstow, Binsey, Walton Well Road, Osney, Folly Bridge, Off the Abindon Road Opposite Hinksey Park, Donnington Bridge, Iffley Lock)as a pedestrian. Obviously to IFRA residents local access to the river is a much valued part of living in this part of Oxford.
- **River Users** the car park on Meadow Lane provided a unique opportunity to launch environmentally friendly small boats, canoes or kayaks into the river. The closure of the car park has meant that monetary priveledge or status are the only ways that people can access their river. This is not fair for local residents or Oxford residents
- **Wheel Chair and Buggy Access**
The car park is an ideal location for these users as there is user friendly routes to the towpath

- **Health and Safety**

- The car park closure has resulted in chaotic street parking Meadow Lane. This is so dangerous for all users of a very popular pedestrian and cyclist route taken by local residents. This is also a very well used route for primary aged children (5 to 11 year olds)
- Parking on the riverbank which deprives the public of a very valued picnic area
- This car park provides access to the river and riverside which supports both mental and physical wellbeing

- **Abingdon Road Park and Ride**

- Suggestion Walking routes from the Park and Ride into Oxford are highlighted and improved e.g a route to the river Thames towpath and to Hinksey Park. This should be part of a plan for WALK OXFORD. We are not all cyclists.

- **Required Outcome from IFRA**

- **Carpark is opened immediately** as an amenity to all Oxford residents
- While we would prefer a free car park, if sadly pay and display is required, it should be the same for all users!!! No elitism!

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