## LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC: TUESDAY 28 July 2015

## **POLICY T11**

- 1. My name is Mansell Jagger and I am representing the Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council.
- 2. The Parish Council supports the City Council's proposals for the construction of the fourth A2 slip road at Wincheap and the expansion of the Wincheap Park and Ride. In particular we note that the City Council sees these measures as crucial to the implementation of the Council's Parking and Transport Strategies and for the success of its Retail Strategy in the coming years.
- 3. However, a report by Baptie for the City and County Councils, dated June 2003 (of which the Inspector will have a copy) showed that the Slip Road would have significant traffic flow and congestion benefits on the A2050 Harbledown By-Pass and in a number of heavily trafficked roads in north and west Canterbury including the Rheims Way and indeed in Wincheap itself. We believe that this adds significantly to the justification of an early construction of the Slip Road.
- 4. Neither the expanded Park and Ride nor the Retail development can go ahead without the provision of the Slip Road. We believe that the Slip Road is essential and long-overdue and must be given a top-priority in the Plan so that it is constructed as early as possible. Although some funding from the Single Local Growth Fund is anticipated from the County Council, the majority of funding (£4m) is still reliant on contributions from any future development of the Wincheap Estate. However, there is no guarantee that a developer will come forward, indeed no guarantee that a retail development will ever happen.
- 5. This simply not good enough: the A2 Slip Road is too important to the future of the Council's plans for Canterbury to be left to the uncertain future of the retail markets. The opposite slip road which was constructed by Kent Council in 2010-2011 was entirely publicly funded, in recognition of its substantial benefits to the community and traffic flows.
- 6. We therefore suggest modifications be made to the text of the Local Plan and to Policy T11:
  - Specifically we suggest that Policy T11 is modified to state as follows:
    - "The Council will give top priority to the earliest possible construction of the A2 off-sliproad at Wincheap and will proactively seek funding from all available sources towards this, including Community Infrastructure Levy. The Council will in any event, require its provision as an integral part of new development proposals. The Council will also seek to implement an A2 relief road ...; (then continue as existing text)
  - We also suggest consequential modifications to paragraphs 5.38, 5.41 and 5.49, as set out in our representations.



