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Dear *Simon,*

I understand from one of my constituents that Network Rail have offered a parcel of land at Roper Road as a potential site for housing and wish to see it allocated in the forthcoming Local Plan.

The Canterbury District Transport Strategy identifies the need to work with Network Rail to pursue opportunities to create a small car park with drop off facilities in Roper Road. It would then be possible to provide a pedestrian access to the station from Roper Road by extending the existing footbridge which would then reduce the need for vehicles coming to the station from the north of the city to cross the level crossing.

It is vital that this opportunity is not lost if the parcel of land offered for housing would preclude it, and I urge you to view the land parcel with this in mind.

Patronage of the train services, in particular the high speed, is increasing year on year and if the land required for an access from the north is lost at this time we will lose the opportunity forever.

Yours sincerely *at good value*

Graham Gibbens