



CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION 2016

CITA’s Position Statement on Inspector’s Matter A, Question (f), second part:-

“Is the retention otherwise of housing and employment allocations close to Canterbury West Station (or on other car parks) justified and soundly based, particularly in the light of the loss of car parking that would result?”

In terms of loss of car parking, this Question encompasses the following proposals in the draft Local Plan:-

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Car Park</u>	<u>Spaces Allocated¹</u>
EMP1	Station Road West (inc. part station car park)	129+13
EMP1	Main Modification MM3.1 to replace above loss	(129+13)
	thus net effect =	0
HD1	Rosemary Lane	90
HD1	Hawks Lane	38
HD1	St. John’s Lane	19
HD1	Ivy Lane (part Longport car park)	9
HD1	St. Radigund’s Place	38
HD1	Holman’s Meadow / Dover Street	208
HD1	Northgate	57
HD1	Castle Row	84
HD1	Canterbury East Station	135
TOTAL =		678

The current off-street public car parking provision in Canterbury City Centre (not including Park & Ride, but including the two station car parks) amounts to 2,751 spaces².

Therefore, the allocations for development in the Local Plan would result in the loss of 25% of the current off-street public parking spaces in Canterbury City Centre.

This would come on top of the significant reduction in parking spaces in Canterbury City Centre which has already occurred in recent years. In 2007, the City Council had 304 more City Centre parking spaces than it has now³. And to date, only 29 extra parking spaces have been added at Canterbury West Station since the High-Speed Train service began in 2009. So 953 City Centre spaces would have gone in total, if the draft Local Plan’s proposals are carried through as they currently stand.

Reducing City Centre parking spaces in this way is wholly unacceptable to CITA and will damage our members’ trade.

¹ Source: draft Local Plan Proposals map; Tables 6.1 & 6.2 of CDLP8.6; site visits.

² Source: Tables 6.1 & 6.2 of CDLP8.6; site visits.

³ Source: Tables 6.1 & 6.2 of CDLP8.6; page 16 of CDLP8.5.