



Re: Wincheap Meadow in Local Plan

1 message

Andrew Thompson

25 November 2022 at 10:14

To: Richard Norman

Cc: Leo Whitlock

Nick Eden-Green

Sian

Pettman

William Rowlandson

Louise Randall

CCC Consultations

Hi Richard,

Thanks for this. We will take this as a representation as part of the consultation and feed this into the analysis ahead of finalising the Local Plan for Regulation 19.

Andrew

On Thu, 24 Nov 2022 at 18:52, Richard Norman wrote:

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your guidance at the Local Plan drop-in session at the Guildhall last week, when Sian Pettman and I asked you about the status of the area of Wincheap Water Meadows which, in the previous Local Plan, was allocated for extension of the Wincheap Park & Ride. It was good to have the assurance that in the new Plan it will not be allocated for that purpose.

I have now checked in the Natural Environment and Open Space Topic Paper, where the site is assessed for designation as Local Green Space (SLAA139, pp.69-72).

The assessment states that "the site is currently designated, with planning permission for a Park and Ride" (p.71), and the recommendation is that for that reason it should not be designated as a Local Green Space (p.72). This is incorrect as the planning permission for the Park and Ride on the site was revoked on 9 October 2020, after Highways England had decided against signing off the design of the A2 off-slip at Wincheap. Could you please ensure that this inaccuracy is corrected?

The recommendation adds that "The site is also protected by more significant designations such as a Local Wildlife Site and Flood Zone." Experience has shown that designation as a Local Wildlife Site can by no means be relied on as a protection. If the incorrect statement about the Park & Ride planning permission is deleted, I hope that this will make it possible for the site to be designated as a Local Green Space, which is presumably compatible with being part of a Local Wildlife Site and would provide much-needed additional protection.

If you could get back to us on this, I'd be very grateful.

With thanks

Richard (Norman)

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