



Local Plan Consultation - Draft Canterbury District Local Plan to 2045

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Dear Sir/Madam

I have read your draft Local Plan to 2045. I appreciate that this is currently a "Draft" plan and therefore a work in progress. I have queries about transport in and around Canterbury in light of the proposed almost doubling of residences in Canterbury by 2045.

Has the council carried out an in depth plan with regards to Transport and its implications?

1. **Cars:** More housing will mean more cars on the roads/parking/pollution/congestion
2. **Roads:** Apart from the proposed Ring Road are the existing roads fit for purpose with the proposed increase of households and thereby increased usage. What is the road system going to look like? What will happen to the current road around the City walls? How will crossing into another zone without going up to the proposed ring road be monitored?
3. **Buses:** Will buses have to follow cars up to the currently unbuilt ring road and round. What happens to the people needing transport within the ring road? What will the bus system look like? If the Council wants to discourage cars will there be an increase of buses? Will the bus station stay where it is or will it be moved?
4. **Car parks:** How will residents within the Canterbury area manage? What about people providing essential maintenance (Plumbers, workmen etc..)? Where will they park?
5. **Shops within Canterbury:** Is there a report on how their footfall will be affected. Will residents with cars prefer to go to Ashford or any of the other towns with parking for their shopping and recreational purposes or elsewhere? Will Canterbury businesses suffer? Who will be using the Canterbury Shopping Centre? Will Canterbury shops be able to attract people from outside?
6. **Park and Rides:** The Sturry Park and Ride was closed. How will Park and Rides be incorporated in the Local Plan?
7. **Emergency vehicles:** Police, Fire Engines and Ambulances. Given that Canterbury's hospital does not cover critical care and that there is already the issue of distance, narrow roads and heavy traffic how will the roads cope with the increased need (given the increased population) for the above emergency services in addition to the increased car and van traffic (more goods and more services required).
8. **Bicycles:** I note that there is a great deal of stress on the use of bicycles in the Local plan. How will they be encouraged? Will they be used for transport/short journeys/exercise? Will they be used instead of cars? Who will be using them (apart from the existing students)? How are cars to be discouraged? Will new dwellings offer bicycle ports instead of parking/garages? What is the anticipated proportion of the new home dwellers only using bicycles? How are current residents going to be persuaded to use bicycles instead of cars? Has a report been made on the impact of additional bicycle use in Canterbury's busy pedestrianised centre.
9. **Pedestrians:** Wheels and pedestrians do not really mix as discovered with the recent bird electric scooters. With an increased local population in Canterbury (even with the provision of additional local shops) the city center is likely to receive increasing levels of pedestrians. Given the intention to increase usage of bicycles, there will be more bicycles going through the city centre. How will this be managed safely? Will specific cycle paths created?
10. **Taxis:** How will the Local Plan impact their business?

I hope that these issues will be properly looked into and findings shared. The current draft plan has interesting ideas but I welcome a deeper, more substantial working report on the issue of transport.

Much appreciated indeed

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