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**Local Plan consultation**

1 message

**Glen Sharman** 

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To: "consultations@canterbury.gov.uk" &lt;consultations@canterbury.gov.uk&gt;

Dear Sir Madam

I draw your attention to the following:

The section on Wincheap Meadow in the Council's Natural Environment & Open Space Topic Paper (which forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan) erroneously refers to Hambrook Marshes as Whitehall Meadows and downplays the importance of Wincheap Meadow in: i) enhancing the tranquility and attractiveness of the river setting ii) providing a landscape buffer to the Wincheap retail estate iii) providing habitat connectivity along the Stour Valley. More worrying still, it concludes that it would be inappropriate to give Wincheap Water Meadow greater open space protection as "the site is currently designated, with planning permission for a Park and Ride". Although it indicates that it is unlikely that the Park & Ride expansion will go ahead, the statement is very concerning as it shows that the Council has already forgotten that it formally revoked this planning permission two years ago (on 28 October 2020), an oversight which could have very negative consequences in years to come. It has also forgotten that it has already designated a 16m strip along the river of the meadow as part of the Wincheap Local Nature Reserve.

I call on the Council to include protection to the Wincheap Water Meadow areas as a valuable nature area and a green and pleasant access to and from the city.

I object to the proposed ring road through Old Park, an area where nightingales and turtle doves still breed.

The proposed zoning would increase any journey for shopping or medical appointments.

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