
Thanington Rec Proposed Park and Ride

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Good afternoon,

I, like a great many others I'm sure, have been both shocked and appalled at the news regarding the proposed plans to essentially rip the lungs out of Thanington by moving the current park and ride from its current site in Wincheap to a highly utilised green space (the only one left in Thanington) used not only by those resident in Thanington but many others.

My objections and concerns do not lie solely at the facts outlined above, as there are many other issues with such a scheme, most significant of these are the increased amount of traffic on an already heavily congested part of the A28, especially one that moves even closer to a residential area.

Traffic even now, struggles at best, to get through the multitude of traffic lights dotted between Homersham and St Nicholas Road. The traffic lights on the bridge towards Ashford is a constant battle of two lanes trying to merge into one, and with the traffic coming out from Morrisons this is already a nightmare to contend with.

Living directly on the A28 myself, on what is probably the oldest house on the road which had a front garden until the A28 was widened many years ago, the further increase in traffic (and speed) since the building of Saxon fields often turns the A28 into a car park without the added insult of adding another, air quality for residents is worse than ever and you now want to make it even worse.

I do wonder how much thought has actually gone into how the current system will cope with all of this additional traffic feeding into the bottle neck on the bridge.

I will come back to the point of the off ramp onto the A28, but is this all a pure attempt to stop traffic flowing into Canterbury City itself? You won't stop anything coming into Canterbury via the A2050. A better option, albeit another green space would be the area just before Dukes Meadow, rather than Dukes Meadow itself (given the previous protests of the last lot of failed plans). I'm guessing you would rather deprive Thanington residents on the whole than create or more sensible option via an existing exit from the A2, and the likelihood is that those Dukes Meadows protestors probably wouldn't care too much about the impact either as long as it doesn't impact them..

Even if an option was to use an A2 off at Wincheap, I'd ask is this purely to filter HGVs away from Canterbury and down the A28. This stretch of road is already abused with speeding, which gets brought up constantly but nothing is ever done.. because it's Thanington, and not Canterbury. Still, even if the A2 exit into Wincheap was to occur. Why on earth have you not considered an actual multi story parking option on the existing site, similar to that next to Canterbury West. It is

possible to have a structure that exists over an actual off ramp, and isnt a unique or rarely used concept. Im baffled by the lack of thought on this.

What also baffles me is how Canterbury Council has allowed so much housing development on Saxon Fields without any real kind of infrastructure to support the additional traffic in that area. The left turn against the flow of the London bound exit is hardly used if at all, and most traffiic still turns up St Nicholas as the aforementioned Road only allows for traffic coming out of Canterbury.

I do feel my points are valid and hope Im not a minority voice on this as I do think ALL residents of Canterbury must oppose this travesty]

A copy of this letter has been sent to my local MP Rosie Duffield

Regards

Mr Anthony Jukes

Fw: Objections to Policy N3

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Dear Councillors,

As a resident of Thanington, like I'm sure numerous others, would like to express my objections to the proposal to remove a valuable green space that serves a great many in this community.

There are many reasons as to why this is opposed and many other reasons for this not to go ahead.

The obvious initial reason is the loss of this green space which is irreplaceable. It is used not only daily by those who live local to the recreation park but others further afield. You are proposing to effectively remove a valued resource that serves Canterbury residents and effectively replace it with something that serves those who live outside the area.

The A28 already creates enough pollution with idling vehicles constantly backed up heading into Canterbury/Wincheap most of which don't use the existing park and ride (currently under utilised). When cars/lorries aren't at a standstill, often due to the multitude of traffic lights (which, if the park and ride moves would likely require yet more sets of lights) they are speeding in excess of 50-60 mph which has never been addressed.

To place a car park this side of the A2 (Thanington Road) you are guiding yet more traffic back towards a residential area instead of utilising a space that could accommodate both the A2 off ramp, and a multi storey.

If the intention is to reduce the traffic coming off the A2 and onto the Rheims way, what is to stop all that traffic just creating further congestion in Wincheap as I doubt those coming off a new off ramp will use the Park and Ride unless you start to charge non Canterbury resident traffic that enters the Canterbury ring

The intention was to try and keep this brief but this highlights not only my main objection but also highlight at least a couple of the consequences to this awful proposal

Anthony Jukes