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Feedback regarding current proposal for Park and Ride at Thanington.

Having been a resident in Thanington for the past 33 years I personally find it staggering that this has even been raised considering the history of park and rides around Canterbury and actions taken by the local authority.

When the current Park and Ride was constructed in Wincheap I could never understand why such a site alongside the A2 had no access from the A2. To access the site drivers had to come off the A2 at Harbledown and then come into then out of the city before then travelling by bus back into the city.

Anyone locally will also know that the Park and Ride in Sturry has only just been re opened after being closed due to lack of use.

When the original plans for Thanington Park in 2015 which became Saxon Fields, was submitted there was a Park and Ride situated on the slip road as drivers came off the A2 slip road from Dover direction. Unfortunately this was promptly removed with the developer paying the local authority 1 million pounds towards the extension of, what was then and still is, the Park and Ride at Wincheap. This is confirmed in a letter from KCC to Canterbury City council dated 4 December 2015 from KCC's Strategic Transport and Developer Planner.

This letter also stated that "Pentland Homes" agreed to fully fund the Dover bound A2 slip road with some reservations. A copy of this correspondence is available.

This letter also brings into question the possibility that traffic flow with this new slip road would not impact on the Wincheap corridor into the city. Unfortunately this has now changed and the ridiculous plans for the Wincheap Gyratory are still in motion.

As plans for the proposed new slip road into the current Park and Ride seem to be about to happen, yet again, this would now impact the current Wincheap Park and Ride. In addition, as was revealed at the recent meeting, it would appear that the proposed new park and ride supposedly off the new A2 slip road shown on local plan C6 has been scrapped which has brought about the idea of moving it to Thanington. Why a plan for a Park and Ride in South

Canterbury being scrapped dictates it should be moved to Thanington I find very confusing and lack of thought.

The local authority seems keen to proposed green spaces and yet this plan removes the only major green space in Thanington proposing that this would now be moved to Merton Park, where the supposed new Park and ride was to be built. Staggering.

Much has been said about the massive impact the Thanington resource centre and the surrounding green space has had on the local community and I totally agree. The current proposal for a park and ride on this green space will have a massive negative impact not only on the resource centre but also on the local community.

Finally looking at the proposed plan there does not appear to show exactly how vehicles would access the site, which I find confusing as surely that it quite important.

I strongly object to the proposal of this park and ride as will most local residents.

Brian Robinson

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