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The apartment, where we lived in in The States years ago, came with a swimming pool, much used in the hot summer months  
One day there was a great commotion in the pool from a lady who, thinking she was drowning, was thrashing about and shouting.  
We expected the Lifeguard to plunge in to save her, but instead he just calmly walked down the side of the pool and told her to put her feet down!  
This she did eventually, only to find she was not 'out of her depth' the pool being shallow around the edges and only deep in the middle!  
I feel this sums up the planning authorities' attitude to the proposed fourth slip road at the A2/A28 junction at the end of Wincheap.  
Having chosen to go 'in at the deep end' with the Bow Homes proposal 8 years ago, with all its complexities and disadvantages, they have been 'thrashing about' ever since then, trying to make it work!  
Realising this proposal would destroy over a third of the existing Park and Ride places, they first tried to expand this downwards towards the River Stour but were thwarted by the Environmentalists.  
So now they are trying to relocate it to the Thanington Road Sports ground, destroying this amenity for a community, already under pressure from a nearby large housing development!  
It is about time the planning authorities 'put their feet down' and consider a simpler and more elegant solution, namely bring the slip road into the roundabout at the end of Ten Perch Road.  
This would meet all the requirements of access into the Wincheap service area, existing Park and Ride and the A28 to Ashford, without all the disadvantages of the Bow Home proposal.  
I can only assume that the reason they did not propose it was because it would have to be partly built on an aerial roadway, which would be more expensive than a ground level one.

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