



Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation - Representation from Love Hambrook Marshes

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This is a representation on the Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19) from Love Hambrook Marshes, the charity which owns and manages the land known as Hambrook Marshes across the river from Wincheap Water Meadow. We ask for an amendment to Policy C32 *Land at Wincheap Park and Ride*. The Policy as published includes a map which shows Site C32 as extending north west of the existing Park and Ride onto Wincheap Water Meadow and to the riverbank of the Great Stour. This is not compliant with Canterbury City Council's decision made by Cabinet on 16 March 2026, after discussion at Overview Committee on 12 February, that the Park and Ride facility should be located on the existing Park and Ride site and the current Canenco depot (referred to as the 'hybrid option').

On the C32 map, the land to the north west of the existing Park and Ride is coloured green and designated 'Open space/biodiversity opportunities'. However, this area should not have been included in the site at all as the decision made by Cabinet confined the proposed site to the existing Park and Ride and the Canenco depot. For the avoidance of any ambiguity we ask for the map to be amended to be compliant with the Cabinet decision. For the same reason, we ask that the map accompanying Policy C18 *Wincheap Commercial Area* be amended so as not to show Wincheap Water Meadow as included in Policy C32.

We shall be seeking via the appropriate authorities that the Local Nature Reserve designation currently covering part of Wincheap Water Meadow should be extended to the whole of Wincheap Water Meadow, including that section currently included in the maps for C32 and C18, so as to ensure greater clarity.

We note that the Local Plan (Regulation 19) was published on 18 March, two days after the Cabinet decision on 16 March, and we take it that this is the reason why the C32 map was not correctly finalised as there was insufficient time to make the change. Cabinet's decision was sound, based on consideration of the proportionate evidence and reasonable alternatives, and we ask for the map to be changed to reflect clearly that decision.

With thanks

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