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Submitted to Station Approach - Concept Masterplan Feedback
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Arrival

1 Do you support the following proposals within the concept masterplan?

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Increase the amount of pedestrian space on Station Hill (the City side exit/entrance.):
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - In the longer term, if studies support reduced demand for parking, provide new safer walking routes, green planting and spaces to sit on west approach to the station (Stockbridge Road carpark).:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Improve and widen existing pedestrian routes South from the station (leading to Newburgh street and towards Westgate).:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Having new uses (instead of parking) for the area below the trees on Station Hill such as for seating, planting or ‘pop-up’ activity such as food stalls.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Include space for seating and enhanced planting outside of the station.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Reposition the decked car parking at (Station North) to create a new arrival space for station drop-off and taxi access.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Improving the quality of lighting and decor to the pedestrian underpass connecting east & west sides of the station.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Create space for temporary or pop-up activities.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Improve lighting in the evening.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following ARRIVAL proposals within the concept masterplan: - Add a new landmark to easily identify the station area – such as a distinctive building or public art?:
Strongly Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

2 Is there anything else you’d like to add about arrival?

Is there anything else you’d like to add about arrival?:

The key to a quality arrival for many people would be a good transport interchange offering easy transfer from the train to local bus journeys to all parts of the district. Paras 5.53 and 5.59 of the local plan promise this. For the interchange to work well and allow 'pulse' timetabling connections in the style of Swiss Taktfarhplan there would need to be sufficient space for all bus services with a 30-minute frequency or less to arrive before the trains they connect into, and depart after the trains they connect out of. This would also allow connections between all less frequent bus routes. This would require at least 8 bus stands. Insufficient space has been allowed for this. The latest draft of the local plan says clearly in paras 5.59 that it will 'move the bus station from Broadway and co-locate with the rail station to create a transport interchange.' It has, presumably accidentally, been left off the policy W8 for the station area, but will have to be added to create consistency. A large enough space should be identified for this.

The public square to the east of the station would not work well if it tries to combine both pedestrian and bus movements. This did not work well in the lowest part of the High Street, and still works badly in Silver Hill. There are ways of separating the two uses.

Live and work....Land use

3 Do you support the following land use proposals within the concept masterplan:

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Remove car parking on Carfax Site (to provide space for new development as well as walking routes and improved public space).:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Improve the look of Cattlemarket site by reducing and relocating surface parking to new car parking underneath new development.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Development potential above the parking for Station North car park could include new student residential or hotel uses.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Change the use of space beneath the trees on Station Hill from car parking to public space and an area for pop-up food & beverage / potential market uses.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - In the longer term, use the space where the multi-deck parking is at Station West for new homes (only if parking demand studies support reduced parking).:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Provide a range of residential use at Cattlemarket to include affordable, market, and student or later-living homes.:
Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Provide a mix of uses in new buildings at Carfax such as a hotel, workspaces, together with complementary retail and food and drink offers.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Explore additional cultural uses that will support the existing Records office, by increasing its footfall and economic activity.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Develop residential flats and some town houses, including affordable homes upon the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) site.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following LAND USE proposals within the concept masterplan: - Consolidate retained car parking provision for station on Station North-West. Potentially adding an upper deck where feasible.:
Don't Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

Any proposals should leave enough room for a good transport interchange as proposed in the Reg 19 local plan paras 5.55b and 5.59b.

Cattle Market and Worthy Lane car parks should remain large enough to continue in their role of intercepting cars from the north. They will become more important if parking places in the centre of Winchester are reduced, unless good district bus services are established to serve towns and villages to the north of Winchester.

4 Is there anything else you'd like to add about land use?

Is there anything else you'd like to add about land use?:

While it is important to provide housing and other uses are important too, identifying space for a public transport interchange in line with the local plan, should be given first priority since this will not be possible anywhere else in Winchester. We must not lose this unique opportunity.

Vibrancy

5 Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan:

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Provide places where people can meet and socialise at the Carfax site, such as a café or bar for commuters and also for people who live near by.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Retain the Old Registry Office building facing the Station entrance, bringing it back into public use - potentially as a pub/cafe.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Improve the sense of activity and safety by ensuring new buildings have windows and doors facing public areas and providing 'active frontages.':
Strongly Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Use the tree-lined Station Hill approach to provide an area for market type activity and pop-up food stalls along popular routes to/ from station.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Provide pocket park space at the Cattlemarket site:
Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Explore additional cultural uses that will support the existing Records office, by increasing its footfall and potentially opening up new public spaces at the rear of the building.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Have buildings which offer café and social spaces for residents and visitors of the Cattlemarket site .:
Support

Do you support the following proposals about vibrancy within the concept masterplan: - Have a convenience store offer for food shopping on the Carfax site.:
Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

The pocket park should not reduce capacity of the Cattle Market car park and force cars into central Winchester. It should be properly integrated into the area and not left as a badly maintined place for rubbish.

6 Is there anything else you'd like to add about vibrancy?

Is there anything else you'd like to add about vibrancy?:

More thought is needed about the convenience store. How would it relate to the stores in City Road, Stockbridge Road and Andover Road? A restaurant and/or bakery could possibly provide more animation especially in the evening.

Movement

7 Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan?

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Providing safe secure cycle parking provision in overlooked and accessible locations near station exits on West and North. Adding a cycle hire hub in Station North carpark area.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Prioritise pedestrian routes, increasing area for wider walking routes and shared surfaces giving pedestrians priority over vehicles. :
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - In the longer term, if studies support reduced demand for parking in Station West, create new safer walking and cycling routes, (inc green planting and spaces to sit.):
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Relocate private car and taxi vehicle access to distances slightly further from the station entry/exits, to allow for for improved public space and priority for walking, cycling and bus movements.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Relocate and re-build Station North car parking with new development above it, allowing more space for walking / cycling routes to station. :
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Potential for connecting more direct new walking and cycling routes into the West side of Station through the northwest carpark from Brassey Road and Andover Rd.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Retain bus access priority to Station Hill and Carfax junction so bus stops remain close to the station entry/ exits. Adding new bus stops to improve spaces to wait.:
Don't Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Formalise existing routes for walking and cycling across Cattlemarket site, and potential to add new crossing on Andover Road opposite the Tesco garage.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Allow space for future potential of Hampshire County Council cycle lanes along Andover Road adjoining Cattlemarket.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following movement/travel proposals within the concept masterplan - Reinstate open bike racks in high footfall, publicly overseen location on Station Hill.:
Strongly Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

The proposals for bus facilities fall short of the proposal in the latest local plan for a transport interchange here. There is a need for a good transport interchange offering easy transfer from the train to local bus journeys to all parts of the district. Paras 5.53 and 5.59 of the local plan promise this. For the interchange to work well and allow 'pulse' timetabling connections in the style of Swiss Taktfarhplan there would need to be sufficient space for all bus services with a 30-minute frequency or less to arrive before the trains they connect into, and depart after the trains they connect out of. This would also allow connections between all less frequent bus routes. This would require at least 8 bus stands. Insufficient space has been allowed for this. The latest draft of the local plan says clearly in paras 5.59 that it will 'move the bus station from Broadway and co-locate with the rail station to create a transport interchange.' It has, presumably accidentally, been left off the policy W8 for the station area, but will have to be added to create consistency. A large enough space should be identified for this.

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8 Is there anything else you'd like to add about movement/travel?

Is there anything else you'd like to add about movement/travel?:

This is the only place in Winchester to locate a transport interchange so it should be given top priority for space allocation and careful thought should be given for its design as an integral part of redesigning bus services in Winchester. Using Gladstone Street car park would enable separation from the pedestrian square.

The proposals for cycle and bus routes need to be planned in connection with the Winchester Movement Strategy. For example the diagram shows bikes going the wrong way along Jewry Street. Bus access needs revision to prepare for a transport interchange. The cycle route around the north east station car park should iron out the non-compliant 'kink.' Good to create clear cycle/pedestrian access to Tower Road and then the centre.

Biodiversity

9 Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan?

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Identify locations for retaining or planting new distinctive large trees within the developments (reflective of Winchester's character elsewhere in the city):
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Retain and enhance existing trees on Station Hill (outside of station):
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Remove current parking on lower Station Hill to create space for greenery and planting, providing a linear park on route into town.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Increase areas of planting around station forecourt to soften public spaces and improve biodiversity.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Introduce measures to manage and prevent flooding E.g SUDS (sustainable urban drainage).:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Create a pocket park at Fulflood end of Station West site with greenery and seating.:
Unsure

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Create a new pocket park on Andover Road at Cattlemarket site to allow for greenery, and seating:
Unsure

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Create a children's play space within Cattlemarket site around retained trees on Worthy Road edge and allow for greenery and seating.:
Unsure

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Manage existing trees and new planting on undeveloped land to improve biodiversity.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Have green roofs on new buildings where feasible:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following biodiversity proposals within the concept masterplan? - Review options for adding green plants on walls of Station West multi-storey deck, to add biodiversity and improve how it looks.:
Strongly Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

The pocket parks appear to be unsatisfactory nominal gestures. I would prefer to integrate greenery into the essential activities here which irreducibly are arriving in and leaving Winchester. Badly designed pocket parks would just get in the way. It would be a better use of space to identify a transport interchange that is green in an innovative way, has comfortable waiting areas that include peaceful sitting areas and play areas and is a pleasure to be in, rather than squeeze in competing activities randomly about the site. The pocket park opposite Tesco on Andover Road would be noisy and polluted and probably deserted.

10 Is there anything else you'd like to add about biodiversity?

Is there anything else you'd like to add about biodiversity?:

The illustrations are worryingly populated by 'show' trees and biodiversity unfriendly hard landscaping - a sort of sub-Landseer landscape with rocky vistas. More attempts should be made to provide native bushes and grasses and recreate a more indigenous landscape. The focus should be on whatever encourages local butterflies, insects etc.

Character

11 Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan?

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - Ensure there is space between buildings to allow large new trees to be planted, (in keeping with typical Winchester streets):
Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - Locate buildings of greater height and mass on southern tip of Cattlemarket site, to create a new potential landmark where there are existing larger office buildings.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - Ensure site layouts create spaces and routes between buildings to reflect the layout of Winchester alleys, small squares and streets within the city.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - On Carfax site the taller buildings are most acceptable furthest away from the existing Records Office building.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - Retain the old Registry Office building facing the Station entrance, bringing it back into public use potentially as a pub/cafe function.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - Development bordering Worthy Lane should be lower scale in terms of height and size to reflect the scale of the existing conservation area of Hyde opposite.:
Strongly Support

Do you support the following character proposals within the concept masterplan? - New buildings to line Andover Road, should provide a new street edge, of moderate scale , leading into the city, punctuated by green spaces and locations for new feature trees. :
Strongly Support

If you don't support or you are unsure about any of the above proposals, please explain why.:

Fully support the street edge along Andover Road and Worthy Lane. The proposal for a 'pocket parks' opposite Tesco and on Worthy Lane would seem to prevent this. I would prefer street edges over pocket parks.

12 Is there anything else you'd like to add about character?

Is there anything else you'd like to add about character?:

Not sure if you have found a way of maintaining parking spaces in Cattle Market / Worthy Lane at a sufficient level to intercept cars from the north and therefore keep cars out of the city centre. It pains me that we have to do this, but it will not be an improvement to force cars from the north to continue across the city centre by reducing parking spaces here, however ugly the car parking is.

Contact information

13 So that we can review the feedback by different locations, please can you provide the first five characters of your postcode, i.e. SO23 9.

First four characters of postcode:
SO23 9

Prefer not to say:
No

14 Are you answering on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

If yes, please say which organisation:
Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis Transport Group

15 Would you like to be kept updated on the progress of these proposals?

Yes - I would like to be kept updated on the progress of this proposal (please provide your name and email address below).

16 What is your name?

Name:
Phil Gagg

17 What is your email address?

Email:
transport@winacc.org.uk

About you

18 How old are you?

Not Answered

19 Do you consider yourself to have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 as outlined below?

Not Answered

20 What is the nature of your disability?

21 Are you...

Not Answered

If you answered prefer to self-define, please say here: :
I am answering on behalf of a group

22 Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were registered at birth?

Not Answered

23 How would you describe your sexual orientation?

Not Answered

If you answered other, please specify in the space provide below::
I am answering on behalf of a group

24 How would you describe your race/ethnic background?

White: British

25 What is your religion or belief?

Not Answered

If you answered other religion/belief, please specify in the space provided below::
I am answering on behalf of a group

26 What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?

Not Answered

27 Are you pregnant and/or on maternity leave?

Are you pregnant and/or on maternity leave? - I am pregnant:
N/A

Are you pregnant and/or on maternity leave? - I am currently on maternity leave:
N/A