

APPENDIX 3 – CLARIFICATION TO PARISH COUNCILS

Dear Parish Council Member,

Many thanks to all of you for your assistance in the first consultation phase of the University of Kent master plan, especially to those who have been able to come and talk to us at one of our presentations or exhibition events.

At our presentation to some of you last week, it transpired there is a degree of confusion about our plans for car parking on land adjacent to Tyler Hill Road.

The concept master plan talks about wanting to move car parking away from the centre of the campus heart as well as looking for new and better used pedestrian and cycle-routes.

In providing only one indication of where car parks may go and in labelling them 'park and ride' we are aware that our presentation materials may have inadvertently suggested that the Tyler Hill Road will be our principle location of staff and student car parking on a large scale.

The University has no intention of siting any commercial or large-scale car parks on those sites.

As part of the next stage of development of a more detailed master plan, we will be undertaking detailed transportation and environmental studies to help us identify the best solutions. The transportation study will include all aspects of vehicular and pedestrian movements to, from and within the campus including cycles, car sharing and public transport.

An important part of this study will be to review any future requirements for additional car parking and where those car parks may be located.

That will present a number of potential options each of which will only be progressed subject to the usual planning consent process through Canterbury City Council.

We would also like to reiterate that the concept master plan that we presented to you last week sets out a hypothesis for how the campus might develop and grow in the future, and as such it is a collection of ideas for discussion and review. We should emphasise that it is not yet intended to represent a fixed and final set of master plan proposals.

The concept master plan proposals, although not designed in any detail at this stage, are intended to indicate an approach which would enable growth and evolution in a sensitive and considered way, and how the application of some of the design principles could play out over a 30-50 year time frame.

Once the detailed master plan study has been undertaken, it will be discussed with you and other stakeholders again before it is lodged with the City Council for formal adoption or approval. Over time it will of course be subject to periodic review to take into account changes to the University population as well as local and other factors.

Many thanks again for your continued help with our consultation.

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