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KCC commit to spending £15,000 on rural bus service

‘Riverside cycle path would destroy wildlife’

KENT WILDLIFE Trust has called for a thorough survey to be carried out along an undisturbed stretch of the river Stour after the City Council issued plans to create a riverside cycle path from Canterbury to Chartham.

‘There needs to be a proper inspection of the whole area between the A28 and Canterbury along the river to identify rare plants and species such as water vole before any planning developments can take place,’ said Keith Nicholson, the Trust’s Planning and Conservation Officer.

A protest group of residents from Grays Way and Ashford Road attended the parish council meeting last month to raise their objections to the cycle path. They expressed fears over the impact to the bird and wildlife in the area as well as concerns over flooding, vandalism and loss of privacy.

The original plans, dating back to the 1990s, were for a shingle track cycle path running along the same route as the railway line.

The parish council has officially objected to the City Council Development Control.

Bus survey results convince Kent County Council’s Keth Ferrin that out of town residents need a service

RESIDENTS in the villages affected by the loss of the post bus service pledged their support for the setting up of a new inter-village bus service by responding to a Rural Transport Survey carried out in December 2007.

The survey results were presented to County Councillor Keith Ferrin who this month formally committed to a subsidy of £15,000 to help set up a rural transport scheme for the Canterbury District.

Cllr Brian Staley, who has been coordinating the campaign, said this was good news but there was still a long way to go before the scheme could be up and running. ‘We still need the commitment of the district council to help subsidise the service,’ he said.

Many elderly residents in Thanington South Ward have been without any form of public transport since the axing of the post bus last July. One resident commented in the survey: ‘We moved to New House Lane because there was a post bus!’ Another wrote: ‘There are many people up here who cannot drive and don’t have access to a car, and who are unable to walk the distance into town and back again. We need transport and a bus is the answer.’

Cllr Staley will be guest speaker at the Hilltop Community Association’s Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council would like to hear your views...

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