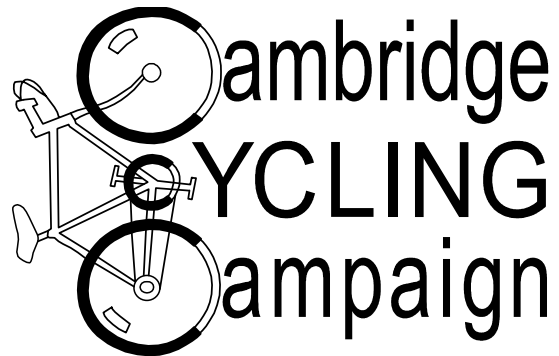


8<sup>th</sup> September 2006

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Dear Andrew Thompson,

**Formal Objection to Planning Application Reference C/00/0903/FP**

The proposal for this planning application as set out on the City Council's website is as follows:

"Renewal of unimplemented planning permission, reference C/00/0903/FP, for extension to Lion Yard at ground, first and second floor for A1 retail purposes, change of use of first floor children's library to Class A1 retail use, change of use of permitted A3 floorspace to A1."

I am writing on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign to make a formal objection to this planning application and its renewal. This objection is to the quantity and location of the cycle parking to be provided.

At present our objection is only precautionary and is made on the understanding that you will now investigate exactly what amount of on-site cycle parking is to be provided, where it is to be located and how in detail its quantity and location accord with the City Council's Cycle Parking Standards. We are grateful for your informal assurance that we will be given time to make a more targeted objection once you have been able to clarify the situation.

We would like to make it clear that any suggestion that cyclists would be able to use the Grand Arcade cycle park which is currently under construction would be entirely unacceptable given the fact that this cycle park will contain far fewer spaces than are required by the Cycle Parking Standards for the Grand Arcade development itself. Nor would other off-site cycle parking be acceptable. The Cycle Parking Standards require that cycle parking is provided on site.

The Local Plan Inspector stated that:

'There is certainly a great deal of unofficial parking of bicycles around the city which points to the shortage of official parking' and 'The Plan can only go so far in setting out the standard to be required of developers. It is then up to the City Council to ensure that those standards are adhered to'

We ask that these quotations be re-stated to any Committee which judges this application.

We would, of course, be happy to withdraw this objection if you or the developers can convince us that the cycle parking to be provided is fully in accordance with the Cycle Parking Standards.

Yours sincerely  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign

James Woodburn

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