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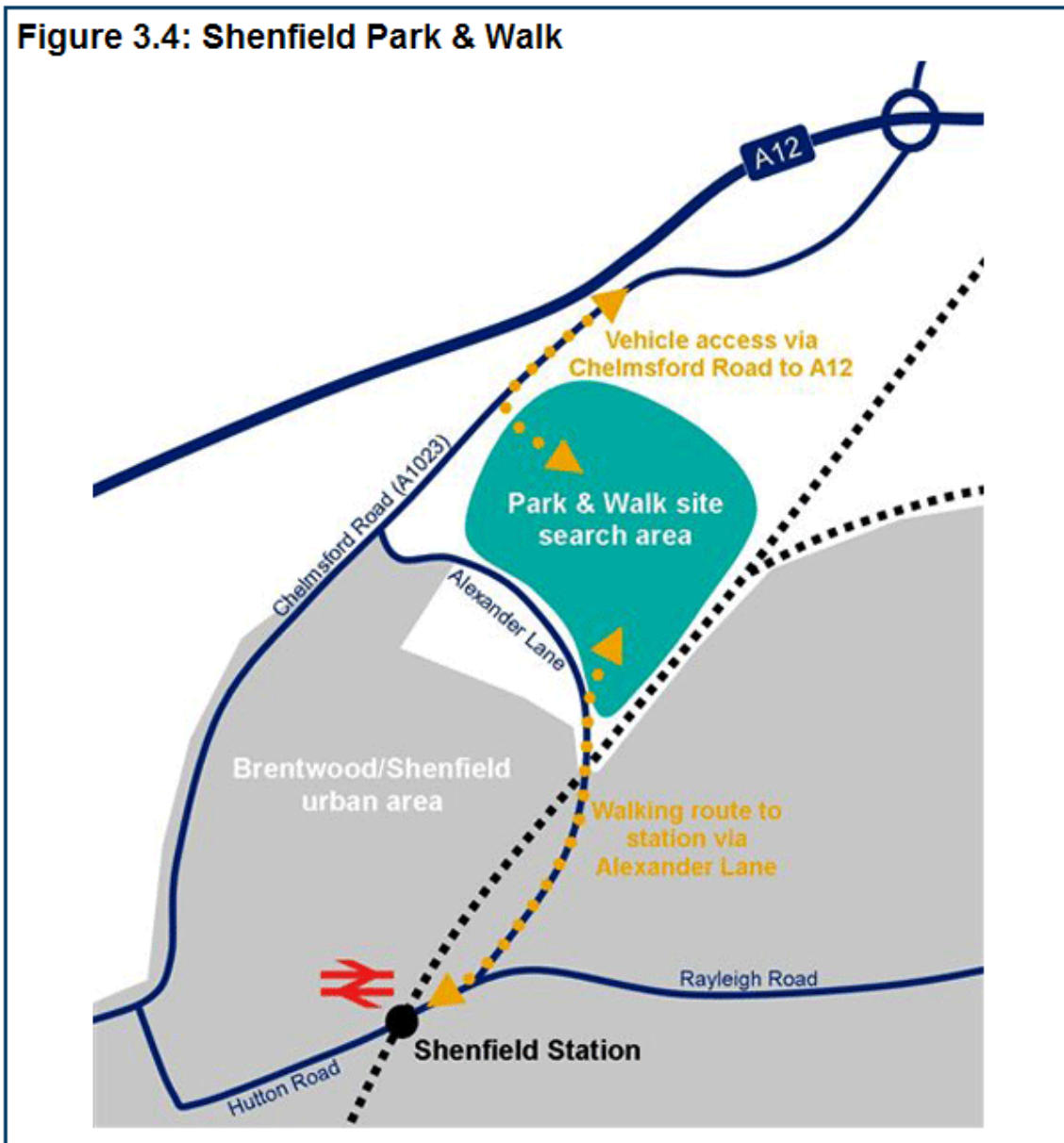
Dear Jennifer Candler,

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the above development plan document. Having considered the details of the documents I can advise that Network Rail wishes to make the following comments:

In general Network Rail is very supportive of the Brentwood Local Plan Preferred Options for Consultation Document. It is pleasingly to see a well constructed policy on Sustainable Transport (Policy CP13), especially the pledge of support given for encouraging the refurbishment of rail station buildings, and improving facilities, including parking, and the wider public realm for public transport users.

Although there are no current plans to improve Brentwood Station (besides the recent Access for All bridge, granted prior approval February 2012) there are plans to improve the car parking facility at Shenfield Station (details of which are to be shared with your Development Management team within the next few weeks). However, improving the current parking facilities at Shenfield Station appears to conflict with paragraph 3.60 within the justification section of this policy. This is because it states that developing a new 'Park & Walk facility' to the north east of the station, as shown in the diagram on the following page, will potentially leave existing car parks around Shenfield Station to be redeveloped. It is not clear if the current railway car park operated by Greater Anglia is included in this vision. As a result reference to other surrounding car parks excluding the current railway car park is advisable to ensure policy is not implemented preventing the proposed improvements to the current car park serving the station.

Figure 3.4: Shenfield Park & Walk



(Brentwood Borough Council Local Plan Preferred Options for Consultation Document, pg 60)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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