

## Consultations Canterbury District local plan 2040

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Comments on the draft district local plan 2040

### Concerns

I have two major concerns: access and biodiversity.

I have lived in Rough Common for over [REDACTED] years. I was a Parish Councillor for many years and my children attended Blean school.

### Access

This plan, as a 'car dependent development', runs quite contrary to the stated plan to reduce car traffic as any new development needs to be 'bus orientated' to meet these requirements.

Making a major traffic route through Rough Common will destroy the village community. As a Parish Councillor I was made aware of the difficulties of finding any suitable position for a pedestrian crossing on the road as it is now. There has already been one death of a primary schoolgirl trying to cross to the village shop.

It will also cause increased air pollution. At the moment there is a limit on the weight of lorries using Rough Common Road, (as I know, having spent hours policing it) this presumably is planned to be scrapped?

Both proposed access routes will involve schools. One past part of Blean primary and the other opposite Kent College.

Splitting the primary school will inevitably mean some parents having to deliver and collect children to both sites. This will involve too long a walk and encourage car delivery.

The proposed changes at Palmers Cross Hill will damage a conservation area.

The siting of the 'Hub' is such that it positively invites vehicle traffic down Tyler Hill Road.

### Biodiversity

As a member of Kent Wildlife Trust and the local RSPB group I am well aware of the biodiversity value of the land involved in this plan. As well as skylarks and nightingales, there are grass snake, slow worm, crested newts and bats. The good farmland, grades 2&3, help to support the skylarks so that serves 2 purposes at once. The other animals would also be lost. It is also part of a green corridor which is destroyed by this plan.

Of utmost importance, should this development get given the go ahead, is that the Waste water treatment plant MUST be built first so as to protect the internationally important site at Stodmarsh. Not Near the start but At the start.

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