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**To:** Policy <policy@canterbury.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Canterbury planning enquiry - form reference 1015099

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Hi

I have looked at your local plan and it's full of words like sustainability, affordability, quality etc but nowhere does it seem to indicate how you propose to achieve these goals, just a lot of words written by people who seem to have no interest in the existing residents. Furthermore if the national government dictate local policy then what is the point of Canterbury City Council?

John Walker

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On 9 Apr 2024, at 09:23, Policy <[policy@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:policy@canterbury.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear John,

Thanks for your comments. As a Local Planning Authority, Canterbury City Council are required by national government to produce a long-term Local Plan which sets out where and how development can take place. The number of new homes required to be built each year in the district is also set by national government.

If the council does not have a Local Plan, it becomes harder for the Planning Committee to resist unacceptable development and secure vital infrastructure needed to support growth. National government can also step in and dictate where development can take place.

The plan being consulted on is still in draft form and we strongly encourage you to formally submit your views to our consultation.

This can be done online at the following link:

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/canterbury-district-local-plan-to-2040/>

Kind Regards,  
Alex

Corporate Policy and Strategy  
Canterbury City Council

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On Sunday 7 April 2024 at 14:40:16 UTC+1 John Walker wrote:

Hi Lauren

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately both the reports make for very depressing reading. Why is it that both the national government and local authorities keep banging on about reducing pollution levels and then introduce policies that will have the very opposite effect? In what world do you think that allowing an additional 9000+ houses to be built will reduce pollution and improve the quality of life for the residents? Please tell me this because I don't think Canterbury City Council or the government give a damn about people or the environment, all you care about is the extra money this will be receiving in the form of taxes.

I'd love to know that I'm wrong!

Kind regards  
John Walker

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