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I am writing to respond to the above plan and the effects it will have on Canterbury and surrounding areas

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I am concerned about the affect 2,000 more houses will have in Blean and Canterbury, at the moment it is difficult to find a GP/Dentist in the local area and 2,000 more houses will have a massive impact on that, I do not think the district can sustain this. There are also local schools to think about public services like the buses that we all rely on which leads me on the to the amount of traffic in the area. This can be impossible at times never mind with 2,000 more households in a small area.

We already have 'housing estates' appearing around Canterbury and the local area which have no provision for shops, transport, parking and medical provision so an extra 2,000 households which could amount to 4,5,6,7, thousand more people just does not seem sustainable to me, I worry that it will detract from our local area and villages and Canterbury as the council struggles to provide sufficient good services for the new families and be detrimental to the people that already live here.

It will have a big impact on the City of Canterbury and surrounding areas such as Blean and Tyler Hill the road from these areas is very narrow and will not sustain the effect of lots more traffic let alone the affect on the air quality in these areas and where traffic will build up in St Dunstan's and affect people living there, and any diversion of traffic is just diverting the problem to other people who already live in the area, especially around Rough Common and Tyler Hill, I live in St Dunstan's and the traffic coming from the Whitstable Road and the ring road around the city is already often at gridlock. I cannot see this improving, only worsening with thousands of more people using the local facilities. Our area just cannot sustain any more traffic and its affects on our environment. There is also an affect on our local historic buildings with extra traffic fumes.

We all love the Countryside and are so lucky to have so many ancient woodlands, orchards and farmland around us in our little bit of the Garden of Kent. I hate to think of the effect these developments will have on local peoples access to these areas and the character of these areas.

Also the area under discussion is near the National Nature Reserve where there are numerous rare and endangered species which survive there we are so lucky to have these areas to visit and the species are lucky to have the areas to continue thriving, we should be proud of and support these areas not make the chance of them surviving difficult if not impossible. Other species should also be considered that we like to see in our fields and local area they will also be impacted on.

There are already issues with flooding in the local areas, with climate change affecting these areas more in the coming years this cannot be denied and are things we all worry about it will affect peoples homes their lifestyles, and local provision and services like schools. Also our water for households is already under stress and will only get worse if these plans go ahead being again detrimental to the people already living here and the new households that will be requiring water for their households. The quality of our local water is already under stress, and have the problems of water pollution from waste and rubbish been considered. I don't think the local areas can cope with much more no matter what 'plans' are put in place they usually fail or don't work and cost so much money which again will impact on local people having to pay extra taxes etc.

We have a lot of farms in the local area and are lucky to have good quality farms and food that they provide. I understand that our best quality farms and land will be affected by the new proposals which bemuses me as it will bring in extra thousands of people who will need the food these farms provide and the good care of the animals on these farms, as well as the crops and orchards that we are so famous for. The affect on the local land, animals, crops will be immense and can only be detrimental to those already living and working in the area.

I ask you to reconsider the whole plan as I cannot see it working in our small area of Kent, I haven't mentioned the affects on the people of Blean but it will impact of them and no consideration seems to have been paid to them and their homes and the area they live in.

I ask that this plan be stopped before it starts as the impacts of local people and services will be immense and we truly will not know what we have lost until it is too late and cannot be reversed. We cannot sustain such a large influx of people on our roads, schools, medical services , the local area, air quality, water quality and everything I have mentioned above.

Thank you for your time, I am a local resident in Canterbury.

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