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My comments are in relation to Chapters 1, 2, 5 and 6 of the Draft Local Plan and in particular to policy C12 of Chapter 2.

I am strongly opposed to the Plan concerning the building of a new town with 2000 dwellings on prime agricultural land that is crucial for local biodiversity and is ever so close to ancient forests. Prior to even contemplating paving over the countryside, brownfield sites in the District should be accorded precedence for developments of this magnitude.

In situations where that is not achievable on a large scale, the Council should seek an urgent exemption from housebuilding targets set by the Central Government, based on the district's exceptional wealth of rich natural assets and heritage. In precipitously advancing the C12 proposal, the Council is flouting their own policies by hastily pushing forward a weak case in a manner that suggests it has been hurried through at the final juncture without sufficient deliberation and preparation.

The aesthetic and cultural value of landscapes inhabited by these species contributes significantly to the region's identity, which would be eroded by urban development.

Introducing a high-traffic road near Kent College not only endangers the safety of students but also threatens the integrity of nearby historical sites, including grade II listed buildings and areas under tree protection orders.

Blean Primary School is an outstanding resource which makes Blean and the surrounding villages highly desirable places to live. Demolishing the school without considering preservation options shows a disregard for the community's educational assets and identity.

Repurposing the narrow, weight-regulated Rough Common Road as a trunk road for mammoth construction machinery and a major artery for commuting causes major concern among the residents of that village because of the damaging effect it would have on their peace, safety, sense of community and home investments.

The hillside town will lead to water accumulation in the clay-rich fields, increasing the occurrence and intensity of floods for nearby residents.

I trust these points are clear and will in some degree be reviewed to support future plans.

Best Regards  
Colin