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Good evening

My email is in reference to chapter 2, policy C12. My name is Teresa Wheeler and I am a resident of Blean [REDACTED]. My main objections to this proposal are below:

- I am concerned about overall housing numbers for the district and particularly the impact on health and education services which are already stretched. I am an Educational Psychologist working for Kent LA which is significantly understaffed. KCC has had some very bad inspection reports with some comments on the lack of access to EPs. Currently we cannot meet the demand from schools, parents and so cannot offer equal and adequate support to students who have SEND. In addition other services such as the paediatric teams, speech and language, and occupational therapy are equally as stretched with waiting lists spanning years. There is not currently the professional infrastructure to support the children we have now let alone a development of the size proposed and the education of children in Kent will suffer, particularly those who have additional needs.

-my second objection is around the increase in traffic that will occur with such a large development. The roads around Rough Common and Blean are not able to cope with the rush hour traffic now. Increasing this traffic will also massively increase pollution making it unsafe for children who walk along these routes to school.

-the crab and winkle way is a beautiful route from Canterbury to Whitstable with a rich history and a diverse wildlife population. The addition of 2000 more houses as well as further infrastructure will damage this peaceful route, harm local wildlife and also remove lots of the Kent countryside. We are incredibly lucky to live next to such an ardent forest and ancient woodland and we need to protect this not destroy it.

-as well as the natural wonders we are also lucky to have such well preserved heritage assets. The development would leave these at risk of vandalism and would make the areas less safe for lone females to walk or cycle through

-the loss of good quality farmland will further reduce quality produce and drive prices up which will increase the disparity between rich and poor. Poor diet will lead to more health problems and further straight on medical professionals. In addition, local farming should be sought to fight against climate change.

-I am very worried about the waste water treatment after the damage that water companies have done to the local beaches (see sos whitstable). Further waste cannot be managed and will further damage our wildlife and environment.

Thank you for your consideration
Teresa Wheeler
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