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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is:  
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In réponse to the consultation for the above subject my answers are:

#### LOCAL IMPACT

It is quite clear that it is only from National Government comes this pressure to build, build build. The needs of His Majesty's Government are entirely independent of the needs of the people of Canterbury and its district. This proposition to increase dramatically the number of houses with its suggestion that this will benefit our local communities is entirely misleading

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#### IMPACT ON THE CITY

The very welcoming university city that we remember when we first moved to Fordwich forty years ago, has been systematically ransacked with overdevelopments. The fact that in recent years, there has not been a properly functioning Conservation Department has left our once loved city prey to ruthless developers.. The City Council's work over these years has meant that so many of our friends find a visit to Canterbury in the evening a very unpleasant and worrying environment. Therefore, an increase in the burden of development can only further destroy the positive ambiance of OUR city.

#### TRAFFIC

The enormous increase in our traffic over the past forty years presents a major health hazard in terms of the carbon monoxide that now threatens our health. The large roundabout at Northgate has for so many years created a bottleneck of traffic and presents a grave threat to the people; who live in the vicinity. The fact that the City Council has allowed such large development in that area shows a terrible lack of care for all those people who live nearby. Similarly, the Westgate Tower's bottleneck with its approaches to the proposed development at Blean expresses a scandalous lack of care for human life.

#### RURAL LANDSCAPE

The proposed destruction of the Crab and Winkle Way enjoyed by so many walkers, runners, cyclists and host to the Canterbury Park Run is quite simply wicked beyond belief. For so, so many people this way offers a restbite and safe place for our community.

#### HERITAGE

Canterbury City Council over so many years have shown scant regard for the heritage of our city. After all, is it still a World Heritage Site?

#### WILD LIFE AND BIODIVERSITY

As David Attenborough television programme show, the future of our planet is so threatened by human development; therefore, any major development will have unforeseen and no doubt incalculable impact on the biodiversity and wildlife of this region.

#### FOOD AND FARMING

The proposed development would mean the loss of large areas of 'best and most versatile' Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land. The local plan includes a policy to protect that best quality agricultural land outside of urban and settlement boundaries.

#### WATER

Canterbury is already a water stressed district with concerns over water supplies and potential shortages, plus water pollution from nutrients, waste and rubbish. 2000 new houses would be a disaster for the water situation.

Joseph Epsom