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This is regarding **Chapter 2 (Canterbury), Policy C12 is the reference for the University of Kent development.**

On Sun, 2 Jun 2024 at 19:15, Vicky Baxter [REDACTED] wrote:

**I object** to the proposed plan as it will be a catastrophe if it goes ahead for the environment, the townspeople and services. Here are just a few of the points that need to be taken into consideration.

The University of Kent is in financial difficulty partly due to the decline in overseas students. They are remodelling the work force and making redundancies. They are not selling land for any other reason other than that they are in debt.

The local bus service does not go through Rough Common so how is the public transport going to be improved with the main access points being here.

Doctor surgeries are already lacking in GP's (Whitstable are alone are down 35 GP's) and the waiting times in A&E are catastrophic. To increase the population would be a massive strain on the already overrun and stretched NHS.

If you build secondary schools in the surrounding areas such as Whitstable and Herne Bay then this will result in more traffic travelling along the country roads such as Pean Hill, Tyler Hill and Clowes Wood. These are already accident hotspots. Extra school buses will be needed too. If you demolish Blean Primary School then you will be building it on another green space in Chestfield. Where would the pupils who live in Blean and surrounding areas and those in the New Proposed development go to school? Why would you demolish an outstanding ofsted rated school?

There are multiple heritage sites and conservation areas in the proposed development area including a series of Bronze Age burial mounds which have been found along with other archaeological finds.

The environment will not be greener and definitely not healthier because there will be an increase of vehicles and traffic which will emit emissions into the atmosphere with a huge impact on the climate change.

The proposed building plot are home to rare native plants, such as loose flowered orchids and yellow gentians.

Pipistrelle bats and Brown long-eared bats roost near the Church of St Cosmus and St Damian in Blean, Great Crested Newts have been found living in many locations around the area of the proposed housing development. These are all endangered species and need protecting otherwise they are threatened with extinction.

The natural environment will not thrive due to yourselves building in the countryside and will not recover if you build.

The habitats and landscapes will not be improved as you are destroying it and the natural corridors open to wildlife. There will be a big decline in native habitat

The hedgerows provide natural habitat for birds, rodents etc, they soak up flood water and provide a natural windbreak.

Biodiversity is on the decline but Blean, the Kent Downs, The River Great Stour and the coast is a huge Biodiversity hotspot. If you build on this land the Biodiversity will decrease even more.

To achieve net zero carbon emissions you would need to use solar panels on each house as well as a heat source pump, rain water/storm water (grey water) collection and electric car pods. The power stations will not cope with the new houses or be able to supply enough electricity. They are already at maximum capacity.

The sewage plant and water drainage system does not support the existing infrastructure for the local towns, so where or how do you stop even more sewage going into the natural rivers, streams and oceans?

More than 100 hectares of Grade 3 agricultural land is going to be destroyed, which is used for a mixture of livestock grazing and arable crops. The UK is facing huge impacts to our supply chain and food supply. This means that we need to produce more food in the UK over the coming years and support farmers.

Please think twice before building this development and destroying so much wildlife and causing so much chaos to the area.

Regards,

Vicky & Thomas Spinner

