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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 vehemently object to the Plan provisions regarding the development of a new town with 2000 dwellings on prime agricultural land that is crucial for local biodiversity and shares an eco-habitat with ancient forests. Brownfield sites in the District should be accorded precedence for developments of this magnitude before any consideration is given to paving over the countryside. Where that is not achievable on a large scale, the Council should urgently seek an 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 abruptly pushing forward a weak case in a manner that suggests it has been hastened through with little time left before publication and without sufficient deliberation and preparation.

Changing schools would lead to a major disruption in the educational process for pupils of Blean Primary, negatively impacting students' academic performance, with long-term consequences for their educational outcomes. This has been clearly shown at the end of the recent pandemic.