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Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose policy C12.

I have trouble understanding how members of the council and any other persons involved can truly believe that the use of this land, as suggested in the plans, is a good and viable option for a huge development. Other than of course to make money for a desperate university.

As I see it there will be a huge loss of agricultural land, of wildlife and of land steeped in hugely important biodiversity. Do we not all know now the importance of maintaining rural areas with extremely worrying environmental issues at the centre of many political debates. It seems we are told to be mindful of critical issues such as air pollution and instructed to use public transport where possible but then are asked to accept a housing development plan for 2,000 'car dependent' properties. A development that will see a huge area of flourishing green space bulldozed and destroyed by concrete and roads.

I do not now live in Blean but still have connections in the area and travel through from Whitstable to Canterbury daily for work. The hefty volume of vehicles on the road is something that already is a concern however manageable currently. To add to this is simply an outrageous suggestion and to look at the plans for the additional roads to support the sites is so unbelievably abhorrent. The idea to knock down a school that has been part of Blean's history for generations to enable access onto an already dangerously overwhelmed road, frankly beggars belief.

The areas that are being affected by the plan are villages. They are desirable locations because they are surrounded by fields and beautiful countryside. The residents will not only be affected visually but many property values will decrease significantly. Is this a fair assumption? Absolutely disgusting that not a thought has been given to local home owners; many of whom have lived in the area for decades. Families have lived in the area for generations because of the village charm and rich wildlife. Most current lifestyles of the families in the area include using the open spaces for health and wellbeing, again a willingness to disregard the mental and physical health of people for monetary gains speaks volumes.

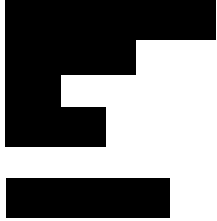
I could talk about the infrastructure but everyone knows it isn't up to the task, I could talk about the numerous policies the council and university have ignored with these proposals and I could speak about the lack of accountability when all has been lost and the housing crisis still continues but it's not necessary. Everyone knows who

this benefits (for a very short time) and everyone knows the proposals are foolish and reckless.

May the words of those directly affected by this be heard by people who will listen and will understand that the short answer that has been provided is not the long answer we need.

Regards

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