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Re; Local Plan - Policy C12 - Blean, Tyler Hill and Rough Common area.

Roads / Access

I am concerned that there has not been a traffic assessment completed prior to this application.

I feel that the position of the proposed development would not be a viable option.

There are only two roads leading between Canterbury and Whitstable and they are both over used and under invested in to not make these roads gridlocked.

Tyler Hill road is a very narrow country lane leading into a small village with houses close together making expansion of this access impossible, is all of the new traffic proposed to enter and leave via the Whitstable Rd?

In Blean there is the same problem, a narrow road with many residential houses on both sides of the road for several miles. Leaving expansion of this road also impossible.

Footpaths and the rural landscape:

being a dog owner I walk the fields everyday. During construction - how is this going to effect the footpaths, will they have to be closed for safety reasons? The Crab and Winkle is due to have an access road running across it - how is that going to work when it is consistently being used by runners, cyclists, families walking to and from Blean school, dog walkers, just general ramblers and walkers? Apart from the safety issue, how awful it will be walking through a housing estate rather than appreciating the nature all around is - this makes this area unique and very special. Tyler Hill and Blean will be merged together and will lose their uniqueness and identity.

Heritage, wildlife and biodiversity:

the proposed planning around the Church of St Cosmus and St Damian along with the other heritage sites, conservations sites around the area is of huge concern too. The thought of the church being surrounded by buildings is shocking. Have the planners been along and seen the wonderful skylark field in front of the church? Have they read the information in front of the church stating the facts about the area and the wildlife that lives there? The area is abundant with different types of wildlife and I thought in this day and age this was to be encouraged. Hedges are of such importance to wildlife - will we lose all the hedges in the area because of the construction? I thought the Council's policies were to encourage the connections

of areas of woodland and to protect and promote its wildlife, I know the Kent Wildlife Trust have been working hard to do just that.

Water:

I am also concerned about waste water. Where is all the waste water going to go, back into the rivers ?- a concern especially with sewage being discharged into the sea and rivers and polluting them. We regularly have hosepipe bans here - my concern is the pressure another 2000 houses will put on the whole system. Will the water infrastructure of the area be able to cope with 2000 extra houses when it seems to be pushed to the limit as it is.

I understand the need for new housing but due to the size and position of this proposed development I feel it is completely inappropriate

Yours faithfully

David King