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To Whom it may concern

Subject: Objection to Section C12 of the Draft Local Plan

I am writing to express my objection to Section C12 of the Draft Local Plan. As a young resident of Canterbury, I believe that this section which proposes significant changes to local development policies, poses several critical concerns that could adversely affect our community.

Firstly, the proposed development under Section C12 threatens the natural beauty and ecological balance of our local environment. Canterbury is known for its picturesque landscapes and rich biodiversity which improves the quality of life for residents and visitors. The plan to develop green spaces for housing and commercial use risks damaging these valuable natural assets. As a young person who values environmental sustainability and the preservation of our natural heritage, I find this aspect of the plan very worrying.

Secondly, Section C12 does not adequately address the infrastructure needs that will arise from the proposed developments. Increased housing and commercial areas will inevitably lead to higher demand for public services including transport, healthcare and education. However, the plan lacks detailed provisions on how these services will be expanded or improved to meet the growing demand. This oversight could lead to significant strain on existing infrastructure diminishing the quality of life for current and future residents.

Furthermore, the proposed developments in Section C12 may lead to a reduction in affordable housing options. As a young adult entering the workforce and planning for the future, affordable housing is a critical concern. The emphasis on developing higher-end residential and commercial properties may drive up housing prices, making it even more difficult for young people and low-income families to find affordable accommodation. Ensuring diverse and affordable housing options should be a priority in any local development plan.


Additionally, the plan does not sufficiently consider the potential social and cultural impacts of the proposed developments. Canterbury has a rich historical and cultural heritage that must be preserved. The proposed development outlined in Section C12 could lead to the removal of community identity and heritage if not carefully managed. It is essential to maintain a balance between development and the preservation of our city's unique character.

I urge Canterbury City Council to reconsider Section C12 of the Draft Local Plan. It is vital to adopt a more sustainable, inclusive, and community-focused approach to development. Ensuring that the plan protects our environment, meets infrastructure needs, provides affordable housing, and preserves our cultural heritage will benefit all residents, both current and future.

Thank you for taking the time to read my worries and concerns. I hope that the council will take these points into account and revise the plan accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Edward May

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