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Dear Sir/Madam,

With the consultation period coming to an end, I wanted to write to offer my full support for the current draft of the 2040 Canterbury Local Plan and the new housing, environmental and development strategies.

It is excellent that real notice was taken of people's responses (to the last draft) - not just councils and other official groups, but the views of individual residents too which are so often overlooked, and the new plan seems to have a really positive, balanced and sensible vision for the future of our district.

On a personal level, I am delighted that the former R1 site has been removed. Our small ancient village of Adisham would have been obliterated, the rural environment utterly decimated, and productive and vital-for-the-future farmland destroyed which seemed unnecessary and wrong on many, many levels. It would have been completely 'disproportionate to the existing settlement' and I'm glad that housing development in the countryside is generally considered to be unsustainable and will only be supported in very limited circumstances.

Indeed it is very pleasing to see that agricultural development is a key focus in the new plan. As an island nation, vulnerable to the whims of others, we will need certainly this in an ever-changing and unpredictable political climate worldwide.

I have no issue at all with the proposed development of 10 new houses in Adisham, providing they do indeed meet the sustainability criteria.

I fully support the objectives of protecting and enhancing our environment and valued landscapes; having appropriate, proportionate housing which is high quality and has high eco credentials; and sustainable growth. The focus on improved public transport and the development of 'brownfield sites first' in particular is sensible, realistic, and will improve our local area, and the promise of a new or improved Kent and Canterbury Hospital is strongly supported since access to adequate medical care is an issue.

I am relieved for our entire district that the so-called 'Eastern Corridor' notion was dropped.

I can see the viability of development on the North side of the city on unused University land, due to its proximity to the city itself, transport links, infrastructure etc, including the proposed reservoirs, but I am relieved to see that the areas of woodlands would not be negatively affected - indeed they must be vigorously protected. However I do wonder why it is that developments need to be of several thousand houses. It seems to be excessive, and would change the character of any location, and the lives of existing residents. I understand that the enormous Mountfield development will now go ahead on the south of the city, which will have a significant impact on that area, and so there is some balance between these two, but still the numbers are very high.

With best wishes,

Alison Goodall



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