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Response to Local Plan Chapter 2, Policy C12 - Land North of University of Kent

My response is as follows:

Traffic

This proposal will mean that there will be a large increase in the amount of traffic using Whitstable Road causing even more congestion accessing Canterbury. It will also mean that Rough Common Road will become a major route resulting in the village being split into two and more pollution for people living near the road.

Crab and Winkle Cycle Route

The Crab and Winkle is a family friendly traffic free cycle route into Whitstable and is well used. The development would inevitably mean nearby traffic and pollution impacting this route.

Blean Primary School

The impact on the children at the school at the time of the building works and the move to the new school would be enormous. This school is currently an Outstanding Primary School. The move of the school would also probably mean that children from Rough Common and Blean would end up being taken to school by car due to the further distance when they currently walk to the school, creating even more traffic.

Wildlife and Farmland

The proposed development is in the middle of the Blean Woods area, parts of which are a National Nature Reserve. Many rare and endangered species would be lost whilst building works are in progress. The proposal would also mean the loss of agricultural land when this land is needed to feed local people.

General

The whole area is a wonderful place to walk, cycle, watch nature and generally unwind. It would be devastating for the people who live and love this place to lose it all.

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