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To whom it may concern.

I wish to put in writing my strong objections to the proposed development on the Blean. I lived in Blean as a child in the early 60s through to the late 70s. I now live in Canterbury close to the route of the Crab and Winkle way. The route, which runs close to the beautiful church of St Cosmos and St Damian, dates back over 1000 years, known as the Salt Way. It connects Whitstable to Canterbury, in recent years it has been developed and made more accessible by Sustrans. It is enjoyed by many walkers, cyclists, visitors and my family as a safe car free route.

The destruction of the countryside will be irreversible it has been reported that the land is of little agricultural use, but every year for the last 60 years those fields have been planted with arable crops beans etc. Strangely this year for the first time in my living memory they have been left fallow. This seems to indicate that the consultation is a sham as the result may have already been decided!!

The huge number of houses will inevitably lead to a big increase in traffic locally, despite claims for an improvement in public transport, the small winding local roads will not be able to cope with this. Whitstable Road already has bends with signs saying they are dangerous accident spots!!

I feel it is hugely irresponsible to build all these houses without a guarantee of adequate health services. The health service in this area is already struggling to cope as was pointed out, at the Whitstable consultation evening by Whitstable GP Dr John Ribchester.

Will Sarre Penn stream be safe from pollution? Will the disposal of sewage be adequate for such large numbers.

There is so much more I could about other concerning issues, which have been less than adequately addressed. It all seems to be a desperate money grab by the university, who seems to be applying pressure to local councillors to comply with their demands. This will not be a long term solution as once the land has gone, it's gone!

Yours

Jennifer Neeve