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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regards to the proposed development in the Blean/Rough Common/Tyler Hill area. I believe it is called Chapter 2 (Canterbury), Policy C12.

I'm not entirely against the building of affordable new homes. I am aware there is local need. However, this development is massively out of proportion for a rural area in the greenbelt area of Canterbury. I live in Tyler Hill and moved here specifically because of the rural aspect.

My primary objections are environmental and habitat-related. The Blean is already a National Nature Reserve and this proposal is directly adjacent. We have skylarks, pipits and nightingales nesting in those exact fields. We have had buzzards nesting in the trees by the historic Crab and Winkle railway line. Grass snakes are to be found in the Sarre Penn valley. And the hedge alongside Tyler Hill Road is abundant with nesting birds, most notably yellowhammers which are a RSPB Red List declining species.

Additionally, the Sarre Penne Valley itself has sections of ancient woodland along it, many of them with Tree Preservation orders on. I walk this area on my way to work most days. It is beautiful, tranquil and nature abundant.

Demolition and relocation of Blean Primary School, the only outstanding school in the area, is a terrible idea.

The Crab and Winkle Footpath is part of the National Cycle Network. Its appeal lies in that it passes through open farmland and woodland. Under this proposal it would go through a housing estate.

From a traffic point of view, the whole thing is potentially utterly disastrous, causing traffic chaos along both Whitstable Road and Tyler Hill Road.

Nobody is in favour of this proposal. It is transparently the University trying to claw back lost funds from the post-Brexit and post-Covid decline in international students. This is no good reason to destroy and disrupt a whole community. Small pockets of development might be manageable, but I would strongly object to anything direct adjacent to the Sarre Penn itself or the Tyler Hill Road hedgerow very specifically.

Thank you for your time.

Nick Pygott

