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Subject: **Objection to SITE C12 in the draft local plan**

1. INCREASED AIR POLLUTION

Living on Hackington road close to the university I am unable to have my windows open during the day due to traffic fumes. Has the air quality been measured along here? The impact from a vast increase of vehicles from a 2,000 homes enormous development would be horrendous. I strongly object to the increase in poor air quality this would cause.

2. MAJOR TRAFFIC INCREASES

The increase in traffic along this B road, Hackington road, Tyler hill is not designed for the huge quantities of extra vehicles coming from new housing developments that have sprung up recently, like Grasmere Gardens, Whitstable Heights, Bellway Oxenden to name a few, and is already substantial - heading daily towards the university and into Canterbury in the morning and back in the evening rush hours...reflected in the poor state of the roads and potholes ..a 2,000 home development at nearby Blean and the extra vehicles this would generate would deeply impact on the area, placing a strain on doctors/dentists surgeries and the wellbeing of the local population and completely overwhelm the area which is clearly not suitable for a huge housing development and a very damaging proposal by such an increase in the local population and very much objected to locally.

3. WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY

This area, the Blean, supports a huge range of wildlife and biodiversity in a corridor from Blean and in the middle of a nature reserve with hedges and fields for providing food and shelter for wildlife, where people are fortunate to live and respectful of - and valuable Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land - does this conform to policy SS1.10? Destroying farmland and wildlife is both short sighted and irresponsible, is this the legacy the university wants? Or a legacy lost for future generations ? The university has been held in high esteem but this plan and use of their land has eroded this good will.

The impact on wildlife like rare birds as well as butterflies and great crested newts that are “highly protected” as well as farmland and green open spaces that add to mental well-being would be disastrous and selfish. We have skylarks and nightingales too.

What is the point of preaching about conservation and doing the opposite?

4. SHORT TERM SOLUTION SELLING OFF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT

Selling off such land for building houses and damaging such an area could be rethought as an area for wildlife/historical education, running fee paying courses for youngsters to appreciate and to learn about conservation, preserving and enhancing not destroying this ancient area for ever.

5. DESTRUCTION OF GARDEN OF ENGLAND

So much of this beautiful county “the garden of England” has been destroyed by developers instead of creating homes in areas that need regenerating and thus is distressing to all residents. St Cosmus and St Damien church and the Crab and Winkle way need protecting too.

Finally anyone who uses the ring road in the rush hour will be aware of the need to control the increase of extra traffic

as Canterbury is a special case being a cathedral city and needs consideration and care.

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