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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have tried to complete the online questionnaire, but cannot open anything except the first page, "Vision".

My objection is that this is an important area for conserving and protecting the natural environment of the Canterbury district, including grassland, woodland, hedges, streams, together with the mammals, reptiles, insects and birds which live in it. It will turn the Canterbury district into a continuous conurbation, possibly extending as far as Whitstable.

Housing should not be built on such an important natural resource (which includes agricultural potential). It should be built on "brownfield" sites, of which there are many, such as car parks. Many buildings erected in the 1950s, 60s and 70s are of poor aesthetic quality, and should be replaced. This includes the ugly university buildings.

Housing should take the form of high density flats rather than houses, to conserve land. Flats can be designed with ample open space, gardens do not have to be at ground level. Housing needs are greatest at the lower end of the market, so must be affordable for those on low incomes.

Housing provision should be limited to those already living in the district. Any increase in population will result in more problems with sewage disposal, with severe consequences for the amenity value and economy of coastal areas. Any planned increase in population should only take place after new sewage works and reservoirs have been completed.

This proposal will increase traffic both in its local area and in the city centre. St Dunstan's St, one of the most historic streets in England, is already in a state of permanent gridlock. Traffic there can only get worse, as the street is the main access to Canterbury West station (with fast trains to London St Pancras). The city's tourism potential will suffer.

It is already very difficult to get a GP appointment, or an operation in a local hospital. Schools are also full. These problems must be dealt with before any building begins.

Please refer to my letters in the "Kentish Gazette", 23 and 30 May, for further comment.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Sealey