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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed development in Blean, I feel I must express my feelings about this utterly disgraceful idea. The desecration of a rural area within four miles of the city of Canterbury which would completely destroy a precious Site of Scientific Interest and vital agricultural land, cannot be allowed to go ahead all in the name of Mammon! There are rare species of birds, plants and animals living in the area which must be protected at all costs. The already shrinking areas of woodland and farmland must also be protected and preserved. They are the lungs of Canterbury

There will also be serious problems with water supply and drainage and flooding in the area which are likely to become much worse as time goes on. New sewage systems would be a necessity and a very costly one. Bearing in mind the ghastly incompetence of the water companies, is there sufficient will or infrastructure to cope?

Our city is loved and admired all over the world as a world heritage site with many important and varied historic monuments existing since pre-Roman and medieval times. All these features are set in the surrounding verdant landscape which needs to be protected and preserved for the benefit of visitors and historians.

Similarly, The Crab and Winkle Way is a popular route for local people and tourists walking or cycling to Whitstable along the route of one of the earliest railway lines, the third railway ever built in the country.

For local people the area is greatly loved and of huge importance. This proposal would ruin thousands of lives and bring traffic chaos throughout the surrounding area.

I find it difficult to believe that members of the City Council could even consider endorsing this diabolical idea. This is not a place on which to build more houses which I do not believe are wanted or needed. This is a plan proposed by people who know the "cost of everything and the value of nothing," and I suspect its roots can be found in the incompetence of the financial managers of the University of Kent. All over Canterbury, so - called university accommodation has been built without attention to appropriate position or architectural style. Most of it appears to be empty. Having emptied their coffers, on these projects, the university finance managers are trying to recoup their losses by destroying a precious rural area. This must not be allowed to happen. It would ruin countless lives and acres of unspoilt landscape. Members of the council involved in the scheme will always be remembered for their hand in such a catastrophic and harmful project.

Yours sincerely,

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