

To
Local Planning officer

25th May 2024

Re the part of the local plan relating to the University of Kent development.

Dear Sir

My husband and I have lived in Blean for over [redacted] years and we are very concerned about the proposed development of 2000 houses to be built to the north of the university. This will inevitably result in an increase in traffic along the Whitstable to Canterbury road, Blean to Tyler Hill road and Rough Common road. These are already busy roads and at certain times congested. Consequently we would want the following concerns to be carefully considered.

The rural environment is important for wildlife even if some is agricultural land. As residents of Blean for over 50 years it is especially the rural spaces we have most enjoyed walking for recreation & still do as far as we can manage now.

How far is it reasonable to expect a resident of Canterbury to walk before they can enjoy the rural countryside of Blean? If they have to use a vehicle they would need to park in the village & that would be a problem.

2000 houses could mean 2000 plus cars producing more pollution. Not everyone can afford electric cars. Therefore how many cars will be electric?

The university has financial difficulties. Hence the selling of the land to a developer but is it fair to impose unwelcome consequences on the residents of Blean

Rough Common and Tyler Hill, + even Canterbury.

With regard to the houses to be built. Will they be orientated to maximise the use of solar panels?

Have wastewater + rainwater problems been solved?

Drainage needs to be taken into consideration as the soil in places is heavy clay + can become very wet.

Will at least some of the houses be affordable for first time buyers?

Yours faithfully

