

Canterbury city council - Local Plan 2040 Have Your Say

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Responding to Chapter 2, Policy C12

I choose to live in a quiet slow-paced rural community situated amidst farmland, orchards, woods and countryside. The properties here are varied in style on generally spacious plots with both front and rear gardens.

It would be a great shock to be catapulted into an alien densely populated urban landscape, whilst permanently, and most disturbingly, destroying the existing environment.

A development such as that proposed would bring an overwhelming increase in vehicle movements on roads which are entirely inadequate for the purpose. There would be not just residents' vehicles, but also those of traders, delivery companies, various services including emergency, and buses.

Obviously during the construction period there would be all manner of builders' vehicles, bringing in materials and other supplies and removing waste and equipment.

I have serious reservations regarding the council's ability to provide maintenance services to the existing and new roads. Rarely a month goes by without a road closure on the Whitstable Road or on Tyler Hill Road, always causing serious congestion on whichever of the two remaining roads between Whitstable, Canterbury and Chestfield remains open.

Also the management of highway drainage would be beyond the capability of the council as at present flooding in the Blean area is a regular occurrence with no upgrades or maintenance in prospect and things are unlikely to improve with more roads and hard standings being added to the landscape.