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Dear Sirs.

#### **Re; Chapter 2 (Canterbury), Policy C12 is the reference for the University of Kent development.**

"Rural Settlement" of 2000 houses. Land owned by University of Kent.

I am sure you will be overwhelmed by the amount of comments that you have regarding this proposal so I will keep my contribution to "bullet points"

- I was born in Blean, have lived here with my family for over [REDACTED] years. My children were the [REDACTED] of our family to attend Blean Primary School. I'm so proud of our lovely village and the safe community and environment that my children are growing up in.
- Mass house building throughout the UK must be curtailed as it is overwhelming our public services, Sewage, NHS, Schools, Transport and most other services are being seriously affected by the huge increase. Plus of course the loss of food producing farmland.
- You will have noticed that every large development is met by fierce local opposition. You must realise that you are not working in the best interests of your local constituents by allowing these plans to proceed.
- Every council ( KCC & CCC ) and indeed the UKC have Environmental, Farming & Wildlife protection policies in place. These plans for huge developments do not comply with current policies.
- Your plan shows that this should be considered on a "local needs" basis, and there is no "local need".
- This plan is "Urbanisation of a rural area". Which is a valid reason for refusal.
- When this land was sold in 2006, my father bought a small area at the rear of our properties, as an extension to his garden. He put a shed in the corner. He has recently been told to remove the shed as it's considered by Canterbury City Council as "Urbanisation of a rural area", ( appeal has been lodged ). So what will 2000 houses on the same land be if it's not "Urbanisation of a rural area" ?
- Sewage spills are always in the news due to water companies being overwhelmed by mass housing developments. Any additional houses will exacerbate this.
- Every acre of land soaks up an acre of rainwater. But not when it's been built over so the excess rain groundwater ends up flooding or in the drains.
- The NHS is always in the news due to being overwhelmed by demand. Any additional houses will exacerbate this.
- "Support British Farmers" is also in the news. So much of their land has now been taken for housing. We will soon be mostly reliant on imported food.
- Kent has been the "Garden of England" since Henry VIII in the 1500's. Sadly it's not anymore.
- The UKC has a good record on preservation of the local natural habitats. That good record of preservation will be destroyed.
- The UKC attracts students due to the idyllic rural surroundings, Unlike other universities being inner city or near to houses or industry. This proposal will destroy this idyll.
- The UKC has a copious amount of unused land on which to build within its campus boundaries, all of which already has excellent footpaths, cycle tracks, road and bus services.
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- I am sure you will have lots of valid comments on the gap filling, joining up of the Villages, thereby destroying their individuality, so whilst I agree with their opinions, I need not take up your time by adding to them.
- Have you considered the cost of compulsory purchase of 2000 homes to reinstate the countryside when the errors of this plan are realised ?
- As mentioned above, I have lived in Blean for over [REDACTED] years. So I am fully conversant with every aspect of the proposed sites, I played here as a child and still walk the area every day with my dog and also riding my horse, with my daughter on her pony. We are very well known in the village for this, and people enjoy seeing us on our horses appreciating the countryside. Much better than an 11 year old stuck to a phone screen, which is sadly normally the case these days!
- Local residents live here because of what Blean, Tyler Hill & Rough Common villages are. I've been so proud for my two children to grow up in this safe and beautiful village.
- Do not lose sight of the fact that anxiety, mental health & wellbeing is now also regularly in the news. These plans will be the root cause of stress & anxiety locally.

Let's hope that common sense and decency will prevail over profit, greed and short sighted government targets.

Yours faithfully

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