

Alexander Gunyon

From: Mary Horsburgh [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2024 16:53
To: Consultations
Subject: Fwd: POLICY C12

Categories: Green category

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

--Email From External Account--

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Horsburgh [REDACTED]
Date: 3 June 2024 at 16:15:35 BST
To: consultations@canterbury.go.uk
Subject: POLICY C12

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO POLICY C12:

The Blean is an area of outstanding natural beauty, home to a wide variety of birds (some being protected and threatened species), bats and other creatures. The rural landscape consists of ancient woodland, ancient hedgerows which are home to the many species of birds and creatures. The loss of agricultural land cannot be under-estimated either. The Blean is a place where locals and visitors alike come to so they may enjoy and benefit from pure nature, to reflect, to appreciate tranquility and all of this only a short distance outside the historic City of Canterbury. Losing this to the so-called C12 development would be and will be unforgivable. If it is lost forever to C12 it will never be forgotten nor forgiven.

The Blean is accessible from a narrow country road, more of a country lane, namely Tyler Hill Road which has passing places where it narrows, is winding and truly rural. The idea that 2,000 houses, hubs of one kind and another, office accommodation, retail units is horrifying. This travel corridor is not suitable for the volume of traffic this proposed development would create. Even though it is not proposed this would be a primary access route it is inevitable it would become a busy access route.

The proposed access points it is said will be created by demolition of the Blean Primary School and the other by extending/enlarging an existing public right of way whilst enlarging a mini roundabout at the junction of Whitstable Road and Rough Common Road. Both of these roads are very busy, they are primary routes into Canterbury and beyond. Children and youngsters are taken to and from their schools in Canterbury and beyond by bus, coach, car, cycles and currently suffer delays caused by the busyness of this route. If and when there are roadworks it is even worse. Children in the area also walk the Whitstable Road/Rough Common Road to get to school. The levels of pollution would be increased and detrimental to the health of the children and young people.

The proposal of the creation of two on off A2 slip roads and the re-enforcement of Rough Common Road to enable heavy construction vehicles to use Rough Common Road as the main route onto the proposed development whilst removing the parking bays used by the people who live on Rough Common Road is ill-thought, obscene, gross and selfish. How could the University of Kent and CCC

force these living conditions on their neighbours, residents and constituents who live in, on and around this proposed development.

The bus first strategy may be admirable as a strategy but not in practice. This will be outside the control of CCC and/or the University. Is there a transport assessment - no there isn't. Why not? The bus service along Rough Common Road has recently been discontinued. Residents, particularly the elderly report bus routes to be unreliable and say they frequently don't turn up to the published timetable leaving them waiting for indeterminate periods of time.

There is no GP in Tyler Hill Road. The surgery premises remain and is used for appointments such as physiotherapy etc. There is no A&E department at Canterbury Hospital.

The proposal to deal with sewage by on-site waste water plants. Surely such plants require emptying by tankers of some description - more traffic on our small roads. Where does this waste go? Contamination of our waterways, rivers, seas will increase and it is well publicised that the level of releases into our seas is devastating for marine life. It also is devastating for locals and visitors who come to our coast to enjoy the beaches, seashores and water.

There are others far more eloquent, education and articulate than I am. I have read their observations and comments on social media, newspapers, meetings etc and I also wish to include their expertise in my objections that you will read in the course of this consultation.

Please remove C12 from the local plan for the sake of our future and that of our children and generations to follow.

May Horsburgh

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone