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Please note my following email is in response to 'Policy R5 – Bread and Cheese Field'

My name:
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I object to the potential development and the consequential loss of green space that will occur if the Bread and Cheese Field is developed. My concern is that any development here will cause the coalescence of the two settlements of Westbere and Hersden and erodicate the unique identities of both communities.

Canterbury City Council may argue that the development will not result in coalescence since you have drawn the settlement boundary of Westbere to exclude the houses that back on to the development site. By doing this they may pretend that there would still be a gap between Westbere and Hersden should the development proceed. This is not true as the majority of the dwellings in question (18 homes, in Bushy Hill Road, 15% of the residences of Westbere) have formed a continuous line of residential dwellings from the centre of the village up to the A28. The residents who pay their precept to the parish see themselves as part of the settlement of Westbere. The Settlement boundary needs to be amended to clearly show that any development on the Bread and Cheese Field would result in the merger of the two vilkages. This is one of many reasons why the Bread and Cheese should be retained as a valued green space.

These are my objections
Kind regards
Miriam Salib