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Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to policy C12 Land North of the University of Kent.
Name- Nicholas Serfontein
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I am a frequent visitor to Canterbury to see family and friends. I often go for walks around the Blean, which I always find uplifting.
I am writing to object to the proposed housing development. Canterbury already experiences high levels of traffic and the area in question is on the rural outskirts, where 2,000 new houses will double those currently in the area. There is not enough infrastructure in place to support the new development, the existing roads are too few and too small to allow for the massively increased traffic. The housing plan suggests the new inhabitants will mainly use public transport, which is unrealistic. One of the roads that will undoubtedly see increased traffic (tyler hill road/ calais Hill) is already showing subsidence and has been issued a weight restriction.

The UK is already one of the most built up countries in europe with minimal habitat for wildlife and yet this proposal is for a greenfield site, a nesting site for skylarks, whitethroat, yellowhammer and buzzards to mention just a few species. These nesting site will be destroyed during development or abandoned due to the massive increase in noise pollution and disturbance. The UK has seen a 19% decline in species since 1970 (which is only the tail end of an ongoing problem) with massive habitat loss that is very clear and you should be well aware of https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-report-sets-out-urgent-need-to-work-with-nature#:~:text=Large%20areas%20of%20habitats%20have,of%20saltmarshes%20destroyed%20or%20degraded.

Yours Sincerely,
Nicholas Serfontein