Alexander Gunyon

From: Sent:

Sent: 03 June 2024 16:26
To: Consultations

Subject: Response to SITE C12 in the draft Local Plan

Categories: Green category

You don't often get email from

Learn why this is important

-- Email From External Account--

To whom it may concern

I was horrified to read that the University of Kent wants to sell off its' green field sites for the building of 2000 homes!!! Everyone is aware they are only doing this to get out of their financial difficulties.

2000 homes are not very good! Are the university going to provide GP surgeries staffed with very scarce doctors or will we here in Canterbury have to put up with longer waits to see our GP's. All dentists, both private and NHS ones, are full. I have to wait for ages to get an appointment with my dentist who runs a private practice. South East Water cannot cope with all the sewage now and dumps it into our rivers and sea,

so, we can expect more sewage from 2000 homes to be dumped in our waterways. Surely the plan will include a new hospital to cater for all these 1000's of new residents.

Up on the hill covered in concrete will cause flooding problems down the hill. The soil up there is clay, so it is not very absorbent.

Why on earth will demolishing Blean School, which is a really good school, be a good idea?

I am a member of the RSPB and have spent many years bird watching at Blean reserve. We need to preserve our green spaces and heritage sites. Canterbury is becoming a concrete jungle! A lovely rapeseed farm off the A2 was turned into a housing estate. Everyone who sees those houses says they look like prison cells! I don't think they are very attractive! And Canterbury is a heritage city surrounded by unattractive buildings.

Lastly the sale will include farmland that is grade 2 and 3. We in Kent are known as the Garden of England but at the rate of loss of our farmland and orchards, we will soon be known as the concrete jungle. And with climate change I want to know where we will be growing our food when all our farmland is under concrete? Please don't depend on importing food from abroad as climate change is creating havoc in their farms. Coffee plantations in Vietnam are suffering because of the extreme heat. Olive groves in Spain have been affected by the hot weather so the price of olive oil has shot up.

Lastly the pollution caused by hundreds of cars with the building of 2000 homes will be a nightmare for people with breathing problems. I won't be using the new bus service that the council proposes as residents who live in Herne have a problem since the timetables were changed. My friends are having to use their cars now.

Kind regards,

Ms de Souza