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Good Evening

I am writing to object to the University of Kent (UoK) plans to build 2,000 homes on the northern part of campus (Policy C12 in your draft Local Plan). As a student at UoK one of the major attractions of this particular university was the green campus and it's positioning on the edge of the city. Nature and open space is on our doorstep and this is such a positive and attractive quality, a competitive advantage in an increasingly competitive Higher Education marketplace. I think the University are making a mistake by prioritising speculative financial gain over the health and well being of students and the local community that they sit alongside.

If 2,000 houses were to appear on the proposed site it would negatively impact upon the open and spacious feel of the campus. Campus would have a significantly higher number of non students passing through it due to the large number of people that would be living in the new development. I feel extremely sorry for future students who would live on campus on the west side. They will be living, and trying to study, next to a building site for a new of years as firstly new roads are constructed and then they are used by construction vehicles and trades who are building the homes. How can a student, paying a large amount of money to study at UoK, live in such an environment.

Not only are UoK not caring about their own students. I am extremely disappointed that UoK, an educational institute ironically, are treating the education of young children at Blean Primary School with such little respect.

The proposal seems very selfish with significant flaws. It needs to be removed from your plans and is not a suitable site for development.

Regards
Oya Canik