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I object to Site C12 in the draft Local Plan for the following reasons:

Building what amounts to a town on the University of Kents ground will have a devastating effect on the Sarre Penn Valley and the three villages of Tyler Hill, Blean and Rough Common.

7.8 million tourists visited Canterbury in 2019, boosting the local economy by £523 million.

Why do they want to come here? It is not to see a sprawling modern housing development blighting the countryside. It is the fascination people have for the great history of our country- so well preserved in our ancient sites. It is the desire to experience the unique character of our rural heritage. Three distinctive villages are now at risk of being swallowed up in a massive complex and lost forever. This directly contravenes the commitment made by Canterbury District Local Plan to prioritise the protection of our rural heritage.

I frequently visit RSPB Blean Woods and have come to love the area over the years. I am happy that my daughter had the freedom to run and play in these woods as she grew up. Building Site C12 would inevitably lead to a vast increase in traffic to support the 2000 homes in an area that is already suffering from excessive traffic and poor air quality. The roads surrounding the villages mentioned are narrow, winding and unsuitable for the increased traffic that would be caused by the development - they are already accident black spots.

The two access roads proposed - both coming off of the Whitstable road would add even more traffic to an already over-pressured system and would lead to the demolition of one of the best Primary Schools in the area. How could the Council even consider losing a school rated as Outstanding when there is such a shortage of school places in this area. In short it is clear that the cons far out-weigh the possible pros of this proposal and I urge you to reject it.

Daniel Mast