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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to object to the Canterbury District Local Plan 2040, specifically 'Policy C12 - Land north of the University of Kent' (C12).

There is no justification given for C12 given the significant and far-reaching impact it would have.

The development proposed within C12 is mostly on good agricultural land as a result contravenes 'Policy DS12 - Rural economy' section 3 which states:

3. The council will seek to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land for the longer term. Any development on agricultural land will need to be supported by an Agricultural Land Classification Assessment. Development on unallocated agricultural land that would result in the significant loss of Grades 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated to be necessary to meet a local housing, business or community need and a suitable site within urban areas and settlement boundaries or on poorer quality land cannot be identified.

Yesterday I inspected the proposed site for Policy C12 and although a small portion of the site is given over to grass the majority of the site has crops planted as indeed do fields adjacent to the site. This has been the case for many years and indicates that the site is good grade agricultural land not poor grade agricultural land. C12 provides no justification for developing large area of good grade agricultural land in favour of other locations.

Yours Faithfully,

