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From: Belinda Murray [REDACTED]
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Subject: Local plan objection
To: <consultation@canterbury.gov.uk>

We are writing to you to tell you that we object strongly to Chapter 3 policy 4 of the Canterbury district local plan to 2040.

We would have liked to object via the questionnaire but found it incredibly difficult to do so and fear its complexity will make it difficult for many people to use it.

I am therefore emailing you on behalf of myself and my husband and hope this is accepted as the deadline is today at 5pm.

As a local resident of [REDACTED] I have seen the devastating consequences to our surroundings over the past ten years or so. When I moved here I was lucky enough to be able to enjoy the beautiful countryside and swim in the sea weather permitting... I have seen the decline of bird species coming in to nest around the coast with the increase of silting up of the brook at Longrock caused by increased pollution from sewage overflows and building developments.

More and more houses just means more sewage into the sea and building a longer pipe outflow is not an adequate solution to a system which cannot cope already.

The further destruction of the landscape with the increase in cars and the proposed new roads will only give more air pollution and add to the greenhouse effect and possibly health issues for local residents and even more habitat loss.

Our health system is overstretched already and it is impossible to find a local NHS dentist in the locality.. I have had to register with one in Milton Regis the other side of Sittingbourne recently and that one has closed its books for new NHS patients since I managed to register.

With the increased rainfall we have been experiencing it becomes obvious that flooding is becoming a problem in the county and the water system infrastructure cannot cope with the extra pressure from building on farmland. This will ultimately lead to even more overflow into the sea and flooding where previously the land could naturally absorb the water but not if it is covered in concrete and tarmac.

There will also be a higher demand for fresh water which seems to have to be imported from other areas.

Kent has been called the garden of England but this is becoming a thing of the past.. We are moving into becoming the car park of England.

The open vistas which we have been lucky to enjoy will be destroyed and instead we are being offered viewing corridors....

I feel sad that the University of Kent is in such dire need of funds that they should be involved in ruining the surrounding landscape... And that the city council has such disregard for nature and the residents.

Why would tourists want to visit Canterbury or Whitstable when it has been devastated by ugly developments.

The proposed housing will do nothing to help people on lower incomes to find a place to live.... Young people are forced to move away from the area and the number of homeless on the streets in Canterbury and Whitstable show this.

Affordable housing is not affordable enough.... Social housing is affordable but not being addressed.

It might have been better to use AI for the plan as real intelligence does not seem to be in evidence in what I have read. It appears to be more of a deception and flowery advertising.

Yours sincerely

Belinda Murray and James Robert Hampshire.