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Hello

I am writing to give my comments on The Local Plan

Firstly the 350+ pages of the plan are mostly gobbledegook. Why the plan can't be written in normal English amazes me. It reads like a party policy statement with a lot of meaningless infill.

My main comments relate to house planning. The number of houses being planned for the area are far too many and will gridlock Canterbury with traffic and put a massive strain on the facilities like schools and health, especially as K&C Hospital is not planned for any major upgrade.

What this plan is doing with regard to the extra 9,000+ houses along with the 4,000+ already agreed at the top of New Dover Road will turn Canterbury and district into a disaster.

Canterbury is dependent on tourism, retail and the universities. Retail is struggling and you only have to look down the high street of Canterbury to see that. Tourism will struggle to recover from Brexit, especially when the city has become run down over the recent years and everyone knows the financial difficulties being encountered by UKC.

What the city needs is planning for more jobs outside these three dying industries. Not thousands of new houses, many of which will be unaffordable.

Basically the local plan with regard to house planning is a shambles dressed up in page after page of fancy wording that means nothing.

I hope the councillors will still be around to see the results of the disaster they are creating.

I have been a resident of the Canterbury district for [REDACTED] years and I have seen it go steadily downhill over the last 10-15 years and the plan does nothing to reverse that process.

I hope the council won't fall into the trap of thinking not many residents have gone through the questionnaire to give negative comments. However very few people would have the time to go through this process as it is obvious a number of staff have spent thousands of hours putting the massive plan together which makes it impracticable for most residents to go through in detail.

I know my comments will have no impact but at least you know how I feel.

Yours sincerely

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