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Re: Objection to Draft Local Plan - Chapter 2, Section C12

I write to formally object to the Draft Local Plan proposed by Canterbury City Council. While I understand the need for more homes, I do actually believe the proposed plan has a lot of significant shortcomings that must be addressed. My objections are based on the following concerns:

1. Loss of Biodiversity

The proposed developments outlined in the proposed Plan threaten to cause considerable damage to local biodiversity. The areas designated for new housing and commercial projects include habitats that are home to various species of flora and fauna, some of which are protected, ancient and rare. If you remove or change these ecosystems, this could lead to a decline in local wildlife populations, potentially pushing some species toward endangerment or extinction. It is important that any development plans include robust measures to protect and preserve biodiversity. I do not believe that the proposed green corridors as shown in the draft plan will help to protect our animals and plants, more that the plan could actually lead to the killing off and weakening some species.

2. Loss of Infrastructure

The proposed plan does not adequately address the strain that increased population density will place on existing infrastructure. Roads, schools, healthcare facilities, and public transport systems are already under massive pressure. Without significant upgrades and expansions, the proposed developments will only make the current congestion problems even worse, reduce the quality of public services, and negatively impact the daily lives of current residents.

In conclusion, while some development is necessary for, it should absolutely not come at the cost of our natural environment, public infrastructure and community wellbeing which currently exists. I ask the Council to reconsider the current draft local plan and to incorporate comprehensive measures that address these concerns. Sustainable development that balances growth with environmental stewardship and infrastructural resilience is not only possible but essential for the future of Canterbury.

Thank you for considering my objections. I would ask the Council to reconsider the area of C12 for development based on my objections above.

Regards

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