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Dear Sirs et Madames,

I write to object to Chapter 2 (Canterbury), Policy C12, for the plan to build 2,000 houses near Blean.

- 1. East Kent is perhaps the driest in the country, prone to water shortages and hosepipe bans, 2,000 extra houses will only make matters worse.
- 2. Sewage is already causing major problems for the local communities, 2,000 extra houses will only make matters worse.
- 3. Flood risk. More concrete, more risk.
- 4. Jobs are scarce enough, more unemployment in the area is hardly going to improve matters.
- 5. Climate change is likely to have a major detrimental effect on food supplies, especially imported foods. In my opinion we need to keep a measure of resilience in regard to domestic food production and not cover prime farmland with concrete.
- 6. Destruction of even more wildlife. What more need I say about that?
- 7. Tourism. Villages like Blean and its beautiful rural surrounds are a major part of the appeal of Kent. When we've covered everything worth visiting and looking at, what's the attraction? Tourism money is important to areas such as Kent.

I hope you will take a moment to read my objections and take them into account in future planning decisions, I don't believe I'm the only one with these in particular.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Smith