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**To : Canterbury City Council, Local Plan Consultation**  
**Ref: Tyler Hill/Blean proposed building project**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in connection to the proposal to build 2000 properties on the area known as “The Blean”, as per the local plan.

I strongly feel that this proposal is misguided and potentially destructive to the environment.

My opinion is based on the following:

- Increased traffic congestion in the area on roads that are already severely congested. This will increase pollution, particularly in areas approaching Canterbury on the Whitstable Road. Increased noise and light pollution.
- Increased demand for services – schools, medical services, water, gas, electricity, sewage etc. - in an area that already has excess demand in these areas and is struggling to provide adequate services at the moment.
- Loss of vital habitat in green field spaces, with subsequent impact upon nature. The Blean is ancient woodland and needs protecting.
- Loss of farming land.
- Water depletion.

Effectively, this is a new town, not a “rural settlement.” It will have a massive impact on the character of the area.

Homes are needed, no question. I suggest the use of empty office space, empty retail space, brown field sites, and prohibitive taxes on second homes/holiday homes.

This proposal is a terrible idea with negative and destructive consequences. I strongly urge the Council to reject it.

Sincerely,

Nigel Hodgkins