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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to object to the proposal contained in Canterbury City Council's Draft Local Plan for a new "rural settlement" of 2,000 houses, shops and offices on land belonging to the University of Kent, located between Blean, Tyler Hill and Rough Common.

My objections refer to the following sections of the Plan:

Chapter 1, Q1 – Vision for the District

Chapter 1, Q2 – Strategic objectives in the District and

Chapter 2, Policy C12 – University of Kent development

1. The area where the proposed development would take place is currently occupied by woodland, orchards and farmland. The proposed development would mean the loss of a large area of high quality agricultural land and deprive residents of Canterbury and Whitstable of an important green space currently used for recreation.
2. The proposed development would adversely affect historic monuments, listed buildings and Conservation Areas, including the Church of St Cosmus and Damian and the remains of a Roman villa and of medieval Tile Kilns.
3. A development of 2,000 houses, shops and offices would not be "rural", but rather, an enormous extension of the urban area of Canterbury, which has already lost much of its character as a small, tranquil Cathedral City because of excessive urban expansion.
4. Traffic congestion in and around Canterbury, which is already acute, would be exacerbated by this huge new settlement, most of whose residents would be dependent on cars.
5. Canterbury already suffers from limited water supplies and problems of water pollution, and waste and rubbish disposal. These would be exacerbated by further urban development.
6. Canterbury already suffers from a lack of GPs, dentists, hospital A&E, and many other services, all of which would be exacerbated by a large increase in the city's population.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you not to proceed with this proposal.

Yours faithfully

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