

Mr A Mooring



In reference to the local plan consultation on policy C12 for the development of land north of UKC, I would like to object to the proposal on the following points.

The land would be taken out of agricultural usage.

UKC bought the land as agricultural land to secure its position in the landscape against developers but is now seeking development status itself for short term monetary gain to cover past debt incurred by failing to adapt to changing circumstances. It is just another example of short-term planning.

House holders who bought adjoining plots of land to their gardens from Eastbridge Hospital Trust at the same time as UKC bought their land from EHT bought it on the basis that it was for garden use only.

With student numbers decreasing housing will become available that is currently being used by students.

The existing road and transport network is already at capacity at peak times and would be overwhelmed by further increase causing traffic chaos. Improving this situation is not possible. Rough Common Rd and Whitstable Rd are congestion bottle necks particularly at school times.

Blean has a natural high-water table with a clay subsoil and suffers flooding at high rainfall periods further development can only increase this problem. Tyler Hill Rd has already been shut for 2 weeks this year whilst remedial work on sewage pipes were carried out. Sewage and water supply are a major concern.

Householders in the past have had individual planning applications refused on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the amenity. This plan would do far worse.

The green boundary separating Canterbury from the outlying villages would be eliminated and destroy the rural setting for ever. The Salt way cycle path would lose its natural setting.

Increase in housing and population requires increase in industry for employment.

This will cause traffic, noise and light pollution spoil the rural nature of the area and adversely affect my wellbeing and mental health. Wildlife will be severely impacted by further development.

There is not enough detail in the existing plan to make a fully considered assessment.