

Local Plan - Site C12

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Hello,

We would like to raise our objections to the Local Plan - Site C12. Our objections centre on three key areas:

1 Blean Primary School

The proposals outline the demolition and relocation of the only "outstanding" primary school in our part of Kent. We have a [REDACTED] and, though the plan is light on detail, we can see that the proposal is to the detriment of a large number of pupils and staff who will be studying, playing and working next to a building site (where a major access road looks set to be built across the playing field early on in the development), then supposedly moving to new premises with all the upheaval that brings. These children and teachers are such a big part of our community, and this outstanding school should not be sacrificed because it is one of two places that would be convenient to build a road.

2 Traffic

As Blean residents we are all too aware of the limitations of driving around the area in peak periods, with congestion approaching the hilltop university and colleges from Blean and Rough Common, and despite talk of new slip roads on the A2 and other "highways improvements", there is nothing in these proposals to reassure us that the addition of 2,000 extra houses is not going to make this congestion significantly worse. The idea of "minimising traffic flow on to Tyler Hill Road" also raises eyebrows given the nature of the scheme. A "car-dependent development" indeed.

3 Blean Woods

Blean Woods is an internationally renowned home of extensive wildlife and biodiversity. The addition of 2,000 new houses on the edge of it and associated upheaval from the works can only be damaging. We are familiar with the land next to the university where the proposed development is sited and are dismayed at the idea of destroying quality farmland.

Regards,

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