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Dear Sirs

The Draft Canterbury District Local Plan Chapter 2 policy C12

When the last council leader and his team were voted off the council last year mainly due to the plans for the Canterbury Road System (very unpopular). We hope the new council would look very carefully at their strategy for our historic city and the views of citizens of the local area.

There are no mandatory targets set out by central government. Therefore, you can use your own approach, that would be in the best interests of community that you represent.

We now understand there is a proposal to build 2000 houses on land owned by the University, sold to them on the understand if the land was to be resold it could only be used for education, agricultural or recreational use in perpetuity.

The land lays between the villages of The Blean, Tyler Hill and Rough Common. These would lose their historic identity and become "settlement coalescence" like London suburbs.

It would be utterly ridiculous to destroy Blean School. It has character and an excellent academic standard of education. It would be a tragedy to demolish an excellent school for the sake of a new road.

The proposed houses would be largely car dependent. This would have a severe impact on the roads in the area. Including A290 at the junction of Tyler Hill Road where several accidents have occurred in the past (a fast and dangerous road).

Finally not everybody will write to you about this proposal, but I know because live in Blean, the vast majority of the residents in the area are opposed this proposal for many reasons. The silent majority can be very effective at the ballot box!!! As you know.

Yours faithfully

Peter and Hilary Cole