

SAVING THE BLEAN – Important Note: * To respond in time, now urgent, in the designated way, go to <https://www.savetheblean.org/respond-to-the-consulation-by-3rd-june> in the designated way or on FACEBOOK. Essential to include your name/s and address/es, & make it clear which Policies your comments relate to: ie Chapter 2, Policy C12, for Uni of Kent development affecting Blean so adversely as all the formal paperwork explains. This is presented in an easier way for those affected locally who wish to protect and have not yet done so in time for 3rd June.

To: Local Plan Consultation District Local Plan, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW as a response to ‘**HAVE YOUR SAY**’, to the Local Plan Consultation, by those living in the designated areas and will be so badly affected.

We, people of Blean, would like to protest very strongly to the Canterbury City Council’s new draft Local Plan which is out for Consultation with a proposal for a ‘new rural settlement’ of 2000 houses, shops and offices, which will absolutely ruin the unspoilt countryside between Blean, Tyler Hill and Rough Common. As we all understand the development area would be twice the size of the walled part of Canterbury, on land presently belonging to the University of Kent to raise money for them. Is it actually legal to turn a village into a town without proper permission? The University, taking ultimate responsibility for this proposal which they hope Canterbury City Council will accept, is presenting a terrible legacy for us all to have to put up with.

Chapter 1) LOCAL IMPACT: It would seem important to realise that with such an increase in population it would be necessary that the areas affected by the extra build is well supported by Public Services, GP’s and schools, although apparently another school may be built and evidence that this will happen is going to be important.

TRAFFIC: The local impact on our already too busy roads would be unacceptable and dangerous – already the area’s country narrow lanes have no pavements for walks to walk and more being used by more cars and heavy lorries. This development would ensure driving would be considerably worse and more dangerous for us all.

ACCESS: The two main access points for traffic are both on Whitstable Road near the Rough Common roundabout – one involving Blean Primary School and the other is via a Conservation area that includes the wonderful Crab & Winkle cycle route and Grade 11 listed buildings. It is truly terribly to think of a rural, car -dependent development of this scale here and how it would affect us all. What about the expense of destroying Blean School to create a new one. The EXPENSE should be a MAJOR concern to the Council.

RURAL LANDSCAPE – Blean is one of the most beautiful areas surrounding Canterbury, with its woodlands, orchards and farm land, and it would be a complete TRAVESTY to destroy it with this dreadful, unthought out plan which would ruin it...We do not know what legal restrictions should be in place NOT to go ahead with this plan, but certainly this aspect should be thoroughly looked into. **This Plan would undoubtedly ruin Tyler Hill, Blean & Rough Common, affecting all the people living in this delightful area.**

