

To Canterbury City Counsel
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I have lived in my house, in Bekesbourne lane, for [redacted] years. The traffic calming starts at my [redacted] When we moved here there were hop gardens and hop pickers huts opposite and the cat could sit in the road and clean itself, safely. We have never had pavements. I now take my life in my hands each time I go out of my front gate. The traffic has increased so much over the years - starting with the bypass - the road becoming a bypass to Pzifers. This has become even worse over the last couple of years. The thought that there could be this many new houses having access to Bekesbourne lane and the A257 is very concerning. Today a lot of young people can't afford to leave home so houses could have 3 cars or more on their drive and using the local roads. I walk down my road to do the walk over by the river. Today there is no quiet time to do this safely, apart from early on a Sunday morning. What used to take 3 or 4 minutes to get back to my house can now take 15 minutes or more - I have to duck into drives as cars come by in a stream. I am also often rescuing families on the way from the bus to Howlets Zoo. Last weekend a family asked if they could get a taxi as they were so freaked out by all the traffic. Unless you live in the

country you have no² idea of walking, in single file, along country lanes. Then you add all these proposed houses plus the extra cars!

Any development in the village adds an extra strain on the quality of our roads - we have so many potholes and the side of the road is crumbling away. It also puts a strain on drainage, schools and the GP surgery. It is difficult enough now to get a GP appointment now.

Yours sincerely

