



2nd May, 2024.

Dear Sirs,

The Draft Canterbury District Local Plan.

With a newly constituted Council we had hoped for greater clarity and consideration for the views of the community (whose support you will need if you are to stay in control for a period) to enable you to do good for all of us.

There are no mandatory targets set by central government, you can put forward your own approach and do good (for a change) for the community generally.

There is very considerable development already given the go ahead in your area, and this needs to be given the chance to merge with the old city, so as not to lose the status acquired over many generations, and to allow the surrounding villages to cope with the influx of all the changes created by the developments.

Unfortunately the existing developments are being allowed without any major improvement in infrastructure to serve existing and new housing, and quite simply is a catastrophe to come.

Now we read that 2,000 houses are proposed on land owned by the university between Canterbury, Blean and Tyler Hill, so much so that the two villages of Blean and Tyler Hill will, along with Rough Common, become a suburb of Canterbury, losing their historical identities. Blean, in particular, has had a sewerage problem for many years, and the only solution so far is to build a large storage tank under Tyler Hill Road – the pumping station and pipework are all of 1960's design and capacity, and have no chance of accommodating this development, and we fancy the same goes for the existing pipework from Canterbury to the outfall at Herne Bay. But you know all this!

As for highway improvements, Rough Common Road is to be upgraded presumably to accommodate road widening for all the extra traffic to be generated. What does this do to all the properties fronting that road, will they lose part of their gardens (and what on earth happens at the pinch point near the shop where there are no gardens), certainly they face pollution both day and night. Does this impact on their value and saleability and if yes, then they will suffer from Planning Blight and all the consequences of that which will fall on the City during your watch.

Please consider carefully your decision on the Plan, you will be called to account at the next election. We hope you will be able to face your electorate and say - we did right by you.



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