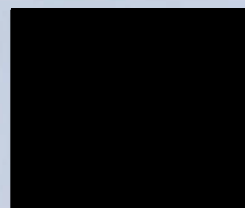


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Re Chapter 2, Policy C12

Dear Sir/Madam,

The proposal for 2,000 houses in the fields beyond Blean involves taking precious arable land for small houses with small gardens. I agree the country needs more housing but are these separate houses the best way to accomplish this when semis or blocks of eight flats are more economical? This additional neighbourhood will put more pressure on schools and GPs.

The increase in traffic is especially worrying. Already the road from Canterbury to Whitstable is very busy. The proposed entry point along the little lane that links to the Crab and Winkle Way would have to be made into a road. How close will it be to the nursery school with danger to children and parents? What will happen the Rough Common Road, it seems will also have to cope with an increase in traffic?. Taking street parking away would deprive residents from having visitors, a gross attack on normal living.

The Crab and Winkle is a local facility for walkers and dog owners, an open space of which Canterbury has increasingly little. The impact on St Damien's Church and other historical sites is regrettable and once done, will be permanent. The whole development appears to ignore the value of both heritage and existing wildlife much of which is endangered already.

Re Chapter 1, Question 1.

If the proposed addition of a new neighbourhood linking Canterbury to Bridge goes ahead and this extension to Blean is added, Canterbury will cease to be a pleasant, ancient, market town and become one urban sprawl. The increase in traffic adds to pollution. Approaching Canterbury from the east a blue haze can be seen over the already polluted town. Living above the town I know that as I approach home I can breath more easily. A completion of the ring road is long overdue.

Sewage is a problem. We are told the High Street cannot be used to increase housing in unused shops or upper flats because the sewage system cannot cope. Both of these developments threaten our rivers unless some major sewage works are added, again taking up more arable and open land.

Both proposals require big improvements to infrastructure. Can Canterbury afford this cost?

Yours faithfully,



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