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I am responding as a former resident, now a daily visitor to the Canterbury District.

The comment below is in response to Chapter 1 of the Council's Local Plan

I firmly object against the plan to construct a new town of 2,000 houses on rural land north of Canterbury. Public services are already overburdened by the existing housing in the district. The area between Blean and Tyler Hill, with its rural charm, status of SSI, valuable agricultural land, importance for biodiversity, and lack of accessibility without new roads, is not the appropriate place for building 2,000 homes. The plan's inadequacy stems from its inability to make it crystal clear that policy C12 seeks to remove land from rural designations and classify it as urban.

Below is a response to Chapter 2, Policy C12

The Plan does not provide a clear indication of how the proposed development can be anything other than a car-dependent community, necessitating road expansions, increased traffic flow into Canterbury, and a deterioration in quality of life due to noise and air pollution. All current roads are narrow rural routes, ill-equipped to handle the additional traffic generated by the thousands of planned homes. There is a lack of demonstrable evidence suggesting that campaigns to promote greater bus patronage in the Canterbury district have been fruitful, casting significant doubt on the claim that this strategy will succeed in mitigating traffic problems. The C12 proposals are at odds with the "2021 Land Character Assessment", which ought to be the foundation for any current or future "Local Plan". The proposed development contravenes policy SS1.10, as it is surrounded by various sections of the "National Nature Reserve", home to numerous rare and endangered species. The SS1.10 regulation outlines the Council's intention to collaborate with partners to extend and improve the interconnectedness of the "Blean Woodland Complex". Yet, this development proposal would make connectivity unfeasible. The suggested construction would harm the local flora and fauna, which are extremely significant in value for the future.