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I am responding as a resident of the Canterbury district

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

I strongly oppose the proposition to construct a new residential area comprising 2,000 houses on rural terrain north of Canterbury. The existing housing in the district already places excessive demands on public services. The region identified between Blean and Tyler Hill, renowned for its rural ambiance, fertile agricultural lands, ecological significance, and inaccessibility without the development of new roads, is an unsuitable location for the erection of 2,000 residences.

Below is a response to Chapter 2, Policy C12

Based on the Plan, it's difficult to perceive the proposed development as anything other than a car-centric community, demanding road construction, amplified traffic entering Canterbury, and a worsening quality of life due to noise and air pollution. All current roads are narrow rural routes, unsuitable for handling the additional traffic from the thousands of planned residences. Initiatives aimed at encouraging more people to utilize bus services in the Canterbury district have not yielded evidence of success, casting significant doubt on the notion that such efforts will effectively address traffic problems. The C12 proposals conflict with the "2021 Land Character Assessment", which any existing or forthcoming "Local Plan" should be grounded upon. The suggested development opposes policy SS1.10, as it is encompassed by various portions of the "National Nature Reserve" that shelter numerous rare and endangered species. The Council's SS1.10 regulation states its intention to work alongside partners to extend and enhance the interconnectedness of the "Blean Woodland Complex". However, this development plan would render connectivity unachievable. The proposed project would adversely impact wildlife and biodiversity, which are of crucial importance to my family and me.

I would also point out that a few years ago we were refused permission to build ONE HOUSE in [REDACTED]. One of the grounds for refusal was that we are outside the village boundary & would be detrimental to the area being close to natural woodland ! What do you think this development is going to do ?? Blean & Tyler Hill will no longer exist as villages; just becoming suburbs of the ever-exploding Canterbury city catchment area.

I would also like to register a similar objection to the proposed development of 1400 houses at Brooklands Farm, South Street, Whitstable. This area does not have the infrastructure to cope with this continued unsustainable development. I was born in Whitstable in [REDACTED] & have lived in this area all my life. You are systematically destroying the character of this area & your continued irresponsible actions are a major factor to our decision to move out of the area in the next few years.

Carl Swaffer