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As an opening statement, we do not need more of the same 3/4 bedroomed, detached/semi detached houses in the area. We are swamped in East Kent with estates of these houses, many of which are having to cease building as they can't sell them. What Canterbury desperately needs is affordable homes for people who work in and around the City and would be able to walk to work. For example, flats over shops or shops themselves that are empty + Nasons and Debenhams old buildings desperately in need of a revamp - get the Stour/sewage problem sorted and these two buildings alone would house people, shops, offices and a market - how's that for revitalising a deteriorating and much loved city??

Next, because of the University's financial crisis + fewer students, make an assessment of the properties in Hales Place, student blocks in Military Road and by East station + countless other properties that would likely house 50% of the the proposed 2,000+ houses between Blean and Tyler Hill. Plus, likely be available by the end of the academic year.

1. Local Impacts: One of my huge concerns is there are simply not enough GPs, dentists or other healthcare professionals in our area at present, let alone if 2000+ homes results in a population explosion of 5,000+. GPs, etc. are retiring as soon as they can and it takes 7yrs to train new ones and that only helps if they remain in the area and don't leave East Kent or the UK all together.

2./3. Traffic and Access: It's a total nonsense to even imagine 2000+ houses with adults and often teenage children won't produce umpteen cars that would snarl up Rough Common + Tyler Hill Road which drivers are sure to use as a quick detour into the City. Widening Rough Common Road and introducing a new roundabout and access onto it from the once removed Blean School site will create a massive traffic problem down St. Thomas Hill and St. Dunstan's, both in and out of the City.

It's also pie in the sky to think that people will use buses - this is the age of the car and, whatever bus system is put in place, most people will use their cars for travelling to work, shopping, etc.

8. Waste Water: The idea that a water treatment from the proposed development should be located close to existing properties in Sunnymead, Fleets Lane and Tyler Hill Road close to the village, is preposterous. So there won't be a smell, ever, has anyone travelled along the Sturry Road?? I know with modern methods the risk of problem's may be deemed unlikely but.....? What the water treatment will do to property values in this area, I dread to think. Of course, the cleansed water will flow gently into the Sarre Penn and thence on to the Chislet Flats - a conservation area. Disaster sure to happen sooner or later???

What about, too, the water supply - how many thousands/millions of gallons of water will be used by this proposed development. We all know from experience, as recent as last week, that the water supply infrastructure in the area is old and unable to cope with current requirements let alone 4-5,000 new residents.

In summary, the whole building proposal is totally unthought through and unnecessary - especially, based on Government Plans of 2014, now out of date. No consideration has been given to the wildlife and diversity which,

thankfully, Chris Packham is joining the fight to protect. Also, too, we cannot forget our wonderful World Heritage City which is already swamped with traffic. I understand the Council's Environment Strategy states 'the district's heritage assets are highly sensitive to change and the Council is committed to protecting and, where possible, enhancing the historic environment for the future.' This statement applies equally to the protection of the Roman Villa and other historic remains in and around Blean Church

Please, please for all our sakes, refuse permission for this proposed development.

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