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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At the first public meeting we attended someone stood up and said 'this is madness'! We couldn't agree more. The impact on this development will be huge to the area which is at the moment only just able to cope with the volume of traffic. What another potential 4000 cars will do to the already crowded roads will be unimaginable and will cause complete grid lock especially as this site has been described as car dependent. We worry about the safety of the school children as gather one of the exit roads from the development will be near Kent College and St Edmunds leading onto the Whitstable Road. Also Rough Common will become a major route into Canterbury.

These fields are full off wildlife and only in the paper the other day it was mentioned that wildlife is decreasing at an alarming rate and we need to protect it not concrete over yet more farmland. In the Councils master plan it is mentioned that they want to increase and look after our countryside and promote wildlife. By building up to 2000 houses on this land they are doing exactly the opposite. It would mean the loss of more Grade 2 and 3 farmland which we should be cultivating with crops to feed the local population and therefore prevent the carbon footprint of importing so much of our food. Surely with global warming threatening the life of the planet this is only common sense. Also we would lose woodland and orchards.

We live in an already increasingly built up area and have had to endure many hosepipe bans during the hot summers we have been having recently.

With another 2000 homes and no reservoir yet built where is all the water going to come from! Sewage is also a massive problem which we all know about due to it always being mentioned in the press.

These areas need to be preserved and The University which prides itself on looking after the environment and community should be abiding by this. It is common knowledge that they have no money but why should all these communities suffer because they have been unable to curb their spending. We should be saving The Blean for future generations not destroying it.

Please we urge you when considering this plan to think of all these points and also the views of all the residents who will be impacted greatly if this goes ahead.

Thank you
Claire and Mike Wain