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Local Plan Consultation
Canterbury City Council
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Dear Sirs,

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Chapter 1 Q1.

I am very concerned that the planned new developments, especially for the 2000 new homes in Ch 12, will place a considerable burden on the local provision of public services such as GPs, hospital provision, dentists and schools. The proposed new primary school merely replaces one to be destroyed and what about secondary school provision? I also have concern about the demands on the water and sewerage provision for the district.

Chapter 2: Canterbury Q12 Policy C12

As a resident of Tyler Hill living at the junction of Link Rd and Calais Hill/Tyler Hill Rd I am very concerned about the huge increase in traffic from 2000 new homes – easily 4000 or more cars plus the heavy transport to build them and then service them. This junction of country roads is already a dangerous one and I have witnessed several accidents and it is fortunate there have been no serious casualties. None of the local roads are designed to take heavy traffic, indeed in many cases not even free flowing 2-way traffic. There is little provision for pedestrians and dangerous for cyclists or interaction between cyclists and automobiles. Traffic has already increased very considerably in the 28 years that I have lived here. As someone who wants to keep fit, especially as I get older, walking up Calais Hill and Link Road will become even more challenging than it already is. It will be lethal for children and dog-walkers.



It seems to me that the huge development runs completely contra to the Council's 2021 Landscape character assessment with which I believe the Local Plan is required to conform. It seems to me that there will be destruction of a considerable degree of the rural character and wildlife habitat of this area which includes two conservation areas as well as historic remains not to mention productive farmland. It seems like wanton destruction of what has taken centuries to create, and yet the environmental strategy in the Local Plan says '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 future.'

I think that what I and, indeed, most of my neighbours, fear the most is the huge and dangerous increase in traffic which is planned to be thrust upon us growing indefinitely.

I tried to comment on the on-line Local Plan response form but did not manage to get the 'save' feature to work and could not cope with completing it all in one go. For me the tech did not work.

Yours faithfully,

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