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**Fwd: Correspondence regarding the Draft Canterbury Local Plan to 2045**

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**Leo Whitlock** [REDACTED]

3 November 2022 at 20:05

To: CCC Consultations [REDACTED]

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From: **John Atkins** [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Correspondence regarding the Draft Canterbury Local Plan to 2045

To: Andrew Thompson [REDACTED]

Cc: Leo Whitlock [REDACTED] Alex Ricketts [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mr Thomson

Thank you for your reply

Having looked at chapter 4 of the Development Topic paper I can see that there is indeed no evidence supporting the Mill Field simply an opinion.

This is necessitated by removing the other potential sites because their *might* be a *possibility* of damage to a wooded area within a distance of 500 meters!

This looks very much like a political decision rather than evidence led process to me.

The more so if you add in the fact that Mill Field is within a conservation area, next to the village nature reserve, has a poor road access with extra traffic causing difficulty at the parade of shops, no pavement and in part no possibility of one. On top of that it intrudes into open countryside and is very close to the listed Blean Church.

Yours sincerely

John Atkins

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**From:** Andrew Thompson [REDACTED]**Sent:** 02 November 2022 12:58**To:** [REDACTED]**Cc:** Leo Whitlock [REDACTED] Alex Ricketts [REDACTED]**Subject:** Correspondence regarding the Draft Canterbury Local Plan to 2045

Dear Mr Atkins

Thank you for your letter dated 26 October regarding the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan to 2045, which has been passed to me for a response.

The site assessment work, known as the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA), is an important part of the process of developing the draft Local Plan, however it is not the only piece of evidence that informs decision making on potential site allocations. Other evidence, such as transport modelling, infrastructure requirements, environmental assessments and sustainability appraisals all feed into this decision making, along with the spatial strategy for development in the district.

Alongside the draft Local Plan we have published a number of evidence documents which underpin all of the decisions made in respect of the proposed policies in the draft Local Plan. You can find the evidence documents here: [canterbury.gov.uk/localplanevidence](http://canterbury.gov.uk/localplanevidence)

In terms of the reasoning and justification for the proposed site allocations, this is set out at Chapter 4 of the Development Topic Paper which forms part of this evidence base. The relevant section for Blean is on page 19.

I trust this is helpful to you.

Kind regards  
Andrew

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