



## Consultation on Local Plan

2 messages

Carole Wells

16 December 2022 at 16:02

To: CCC Consultations

Dear Consultations team,

I found the consultation questionnaire too complicated and long to complete so I am writing my comments directly instead.

### 1) Housing:

- 29k dwellings is excessive and unsustainable for the infrastructure to support anywhere near this number
- Michael Gove has recently said that Local Authorities do NOT need to stick to these excessive numbers but can revise according to local needs
- the NPPS is also to be revised by Michael Gove in the Spring
- The CCC Consultants hired to assess housing needs advised around 800 homes needed far less than the numbers proposed in the plan

### 2) Transport:

- I applaud the move towards a modal shift in walking, cycling etc and the need identified to sort out the traffic congestion in and around the city.
- I think the proposed circulation plan however needs much greater analysis, data and thought to ensure it is the right solution for Canterbury.
- This is a long term solution but air pollution and congestion needs to be tackled NOW

### 3) Green Spaces:

- I applaud the commitment in the plan to preserving green spaces, planting trees, food growing and supporting biodiversity
- But lack of detail threatens this commitment as it does not say how this will be done and who will be responsible thereafter for the care and maintenance of such spaces and trees
- Water is a huge problem in and around Canterbury - both the supply to all these new proposed houses, infrastructure and rivers. The removal of sewage and watering the proposed new green spaces & trees is a major concern - far more detail is needed on this

### 4) Heritage and Design:

- I applaud the references to preserving and enhancing historic and listed buildings and the invitation for proposals to regenerate empty properties
- I welcome the focus on Design for shopfronts, new builds and renovations as part of raising civic pride
- However, details are lacking on collaborations and partnerships which would enable this to happen - for example: - is CCC suggesting they would work in partnership with residents & the community on regenerating the Sidney Cooper Gallery which is listed and currently empty? A proposal has already been submitted for this in January 2022 but with no response from the council?

**Michael Gove has offered to extend the deadline for Local Plans for up to 2 years. I suggest we take up this offer to make sure the Plan is right and fully thought through in partnership with local residents, civic and community groups.**

Thank you

Carole Wells  
Resident



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**CCC Consultations** [Redacted]

19 December 2022 at 10:16

To: Carole Wells [Redacted]

Good morning Ms Wells,

Thank you for your email. I will ensure your comments are reported and considered as part of the consultation process.

All the feedback we receive will be carefully analysed and reported to councillors who will decide what changes should be made to the draft Local Plan.

Later in 2023, we will publish the final draft Local Plan and you will be able to make further comments before the plan is submitted to be examined by the planning inspector.

Kind regards,

**Victoria Asimaki**  
Policy Officer (Policy and Communications)

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