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## Comments on Draft Local Plan

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This plan has a commendable commitment to sustainability and biodiversity net gain.

Development of the Stour Valley Regional Park will enhance this area, and together with Old Park and Chequers Wood will provide green space for recreation and mental wellbeing.

Old Park and Chequers Wood is an area of enormous importance for rare wildlife such as the nightingale and turtle dove as well as a habitat for a wide range of other flora and fauna. This must be protected, ideally by extending the current boundary of the SSSI.

I therefore object to the housing development proposed on the golf course and the Eastern road bypass. These will lead to damaging noise, light and air pollution adjacent this designated wildlife area.

I object to number of new build houses in the plan, which is greatly in excess of the projected requirements in this area. This will put unacceptable pressure on current infrastructure. More effort should be put into using empty properties. It is vital that the Council ensures that developers deliver the promise to provide affordable, sustainable good quality housing.

I object to the plan to build more roads. There is clear evidence that more roads generate more traffic, with it's attendant pollution. The financial and environmental cost is excessive.

I do not think the five zones system is workable and it would lead to an increase in mileage for many local journeys.

I live off St Thomas' Hill to the north of Canterbury, the main route from Whitstable into the city. This road is unsuitable to carry more traffic.

I am very concerned about the proposal to upgrade Rough Common Road. This could not be achieved to any significant degree without devaluing or even demolishing houses either side of the road. In any case there is no current prospect of completing the outer ring road through land owned by the University of Kent.

Thank you for reading this.

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