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Re land in Littlebourne added to canterbury plan for possible development.

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To Policy and Strategy team,

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I would like to make several comments about the new Canterbury Plan.

In regard to the large field off the A257 opposite the Evenhill pub, I strongly oppose you adding that to the Canterbury Plan. Building permission was sought for that last year and it was opposed, Why have you included it in the plan?

It is grade 1 agricultural land which is not common and we need fertile fields to feed the growing population of East Kent.

You are worried about Global warming so why cover so much land with concrete in your Plan for Canterbury?

The RSPB says give wildlife a home but the whole Plan is taking it away from wildlife and nature generally especially building the new ring road for the zoning of Canterbury, precious ancient woodland and agricultural land will be built upon.

Back to Littlebourne, that A257 road is already so busy and extremely difficult to cross the road to the bus stop opposite the Evenhill pub. I am quite fit and have had several near misses due to traffic appearing too fast in Littlebourne from Canterbury. I don't know how elderly, disabled people and Mums and children cross that road safely. If you allow another at least 250 homes which will enter the estate there it will be mayhem and horrible danger. Whilst the new estate would be built there would be dozens of lorries carrying build supplies to the area everyday adding to the danger and noise.

The sewage system is at bursting point. The main drains were installed in 1953 when the population was probably a quarter of what it is in Canterbury and Littlebourne now. when it rains heavily and for a prolonged period the rain fills up the sewage system and it overflows already from homeowners drains and in roads. At a parish meeting I heard that 500 tankers were needed to take away sewage at the top of littlebourne after prolonged rain about a year ago. The planning committee agreed the building of 87 dwellings in Littlebourne a few years ago. They are all built but not quite all occupied yet. We have enough new builds in Littlebourne, there is no way the sewage system could cope. Re the rest of plans for Canterbury I know you had to stop some building because of sewage entering the Stodmarsh nature reserve.

Local people are having problems finding places in schools for all ages of children, due to immigration. We do not have any spaces for children of new builds.

I also oppose the extra houses being allowed near the doctors surgery the other side of Littlebourne for all the same reasons mentioned above, sewage, road safety , crops and nature conservancy.

I understand that the population of the Canterbury area is increasing at the moment and traffic in Canterbury will get more difficult but I oppose the Canterbury zones you have proposed and the new ring road. The population has now started to decline.

As I said before you will concrete over beautiful old woodland and fields to make the ring road. It will not help Global warming because drivers will have to drive further to join the ring road to enter other zones they need to go to. More petrol will be used instead of less.

How do we do a large heavy grocery shop if we are only allowed to walk or cycle to another zone?

I believe it is about control of the population not reducing global warming. You are going about it in the wrong way.

You want people to use public transport but Stagecoach have made big cuts on bus numbers a few months ago on various routes including the number 43 and 11 which service Littlebourne.

I do not believe you need to build as many homes as you outline on the Canterbury plan.

The population is starting to decline due to several factors.

1 Cost of living people can not afford more children or even first ones as Mums have to work full time to just pay the bills and are under great pressure now as you know with the cost of living and interest rate going up to pay mortgages. The fertility of both men and women is declining frightenly.

2 The death rate has increase since Covid, due to more ill health not being able to get attention with the NHS and other reasons. Funeral directors have been so busy there is a long wait to say goodbye to loved ones.

I quote the Deagal website which shows both UK and World populations plumating to terrifying levels from 2017 to 2025. You have no need to build any new homes if that is correct.

I thank you councillors for reading this extensive e mail and wish you all well and a Happy New Year

best regards

Margaret Muirhead

