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Draft District Local Plan

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Dear Ms Asimaki

I live in Canterbury and am commenting on the plans for the city in the draft Plan and in the Transport Topic Paper.

Draft Local Plan:

- The number of new build houses in the plan far exceed the requirements for the area. The current infrastructure (water and sewage, transport system, healthcare, schools etc) could not cope with the increase in housing and population, notwithstanding the plan to have new primary schools and new healthcare facilities.
- New roads generate more traffic and more pollution. More roads are not the answer to increased traffic. Rather it is the provision of better public transport and the encouragement of walking and cycling.
- The upgrading of Rough Common Road should not go ahead. The plans would blight the village. Any extension of the road network into the area owned by the University is unrealistic.
- Old Park and Chequers Wood are vital ecological resources. They must be left alone.
- The city's charm to many visitors is that it is a relatively small place. If the city were to expand considerably that appeal will be lost.

Transport Topic Paper:

The controls on traffic except for buses and essential vehicles within discrete zones are unrealistic and indeed draconian. How will the controls be enforced? The paper excepts buses and essential vehicles. What is essential? A plumber? An electrician? A care worker? If it is the case that a large proportion of traffic within the city is local, then my answer is to provide better public transport and to encourage walking and cycling.

Kind regards

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