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Draft local plan re Rough Common,

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Dear Madam,

I would like to express my objections to the draft local plan for dividing Canterbury into five different districts, which would mean that the Rough Common Road, upon which I live would become significantly busier, with traffic at all hours.

Firstly, the idea to divide Canterbury into five different districts seems to be a deliberate ploy to make life difficult and more expensive for tradesmen and locals, its difficult enough to find tradesmen like plumbers and electricians without them having to charge their clients extra because it takes them longer to get back and forth across these districts to find spare parts and tools and so on. As for the locals, it would make driving to any kind of local shops ludicrously time consuming, more expensive and create more pollution as it will take me much longer to get anywhere.

The new car parks and park and rides mentioned for 'the outskirts' of Canterbury suggest that your precious green spaces will again be threatened. Green spaces, which once gone will never return. This will affect the air quality, the water problems of Canterbury and the biodiversity of our area.

The 'outer' ring road seems to be vague and sketchy in the least as does, plans and timings to complete the said 'outer' ring road and will no doubt mean more road building, more tarmac, and more development as more green spaces are opened up for building and future development.

The plan states that residents will be encouraged to cycle, walk and bus. I already cycle and walk, however, I cannot walk or cycle to do my weekly shop. I also cannot get a bus as you have stopped all the local Rough Common buses and the prices are ridiculous. I am also fit and healthy, many residents are not and therefore cannot walk or cycle anywhere.

There seems to many hole sin the draft plan, many areas which have not been properly considered and the overall impact of increased stress while these changes are happening, as well as stress afterwards, increase pollution, more noise, more traffic and the destruction of what is at the moment still a nice village, seems to have been ignored in the drive for development and new houses.

Yes, the current ring road and traffic is a problem.

However, the traffic through Rough Common and town would be greatly eased by the addition of a slip road onto the A2 at Rough Common so I can drive to Dover without having to drive through the centre of town and Wincheap.

The traffic through Rough Common and town would also be greatly eased by adding a slip road off the A2 at Wincheap into town so that I do not have to come off the A2 at Rough Common and then drive through town to get to Wincheap. As a resident these slip road lacks have always seemed ridiculous.

Furthermore, there is a huge amount of development potential on the Wincheap industrial estate. Many of the industrial units are empty, there is space for new car parks, mixed retail, new offices and new housing and new parks to join up with the water meadows along the Stour and create a lovely new part of town with mixed use.

Also, the traffic would not be so bad, if you had prevented the enormous developments at the military barracks and at Thanington without first considering the road systems and the public transport systems.

Thanks,

Helen Fitzwater.