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Draft Local Plan Response

2 messages

Megan B [REDACTED]
To: CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

4 January 2023 at 17:35

Dear Sir or Madam,

I completed the questionnaire and submit however there appears to be a glitch in your system as understand this was never received by yourselves. I am therefore emailing you my responses (in italics below) instead which are specifically in relation to Old Park and Chequers Wood in Canterbury.

The developments proposed on Old Park and Chequers Wood should not go ahead. A housing development adjacent to the land is currently in progress, with a phase 3 as a potential pending agreement on major water infrastructure changes for which an agreement has not been achieved. There is already a water infrastructure issue in Canterbury. We have lived here for 3 years now and have been passed between SE Water, Taylor Wimpey (developer of whom I purchased my property) and the NHBC as no one wants to take ownership of and address this issue.

Old Park and Chequers Wood is an area of historic interest (Reed Pond, recently artefacts found relating to earliest signs of human life) and not to mention the at risk and very diverse wildlife that reside in this area (nightingales etc).

There is already a proposal within the draft plan for land opposite (next to St Martins Hospital and Bekesbourne Lane) which has been put forward for development.

There is a huge amount of research on the benefits on green space in relation to mental health, an illness that is increasingly rising without adequate provision. Prevention is key for many reasons and not least a lack of available skills in the market to support this demand. Expanding on the point around medical provision, the clinical strategy for the local East Kent Trust has not been agreed, if the option for the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to remain an elective site whereby routine appointments will be planned is the chosen option (and is also the current model), increasing the population in Canterbury significantly means the risk that residents must travel a minimum of 45 minutes for emergency care is exasperated as it impacts more people.

Best wishes,

Megan Brackenborough and Josh Murphy
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CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

5 January 2023 at 17:58

To: Megan B [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Megan,

I am sorry that you experienced trouble with our online questionnaire, thank you for sharing your response in this way instead. I will save your representation as a formal written one and 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.

Best wishes,

Victoria AsimakiPrincipal Policy Officer (Engagement)
Canterbury City Council

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