

Canterbury City Council

Local Plan

23rd December 2022

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Draft Local Plan

Dear Sir / Madam,

Having read and considered aspects of the Canterbury City Council Draft Local Plan, we wish to register our strong objection to the proposals affecting **Rough Common**. The rather vague reference to an '**upgraded Rough Common Road**' presumably implies a widening of the road with some loss of verges, a narrowing of foot paths and possibly a shortening of some gardens, resulting in a massive increase in traffic being routed through Rough Common Road. This road is already beset with problems caused by speeding traffic and therefore an upgrade of this road could only potentially worsen the situation, particularly for pedestrians.

Rough Common has a very high incidence of elderly residents, many of whom have lived in the village all their lives and would find the proposed changes intolerable. However, these changes would in fact threaten the lives of **ALL** Rough Common residents through the inevitable increase in noise and air pollution and difficulty in crossing what would become a very busy, high volume traffic road. Access to and from Rough Common Road from the various side roads has become increasingly more difficult in recent years and could only result in being much worse if the proposed changes were implemented. This is particularly pertinent to the side roads situated near to bends in the road eg Lovell and Ravenscourt Roads and St Michaels Close together with the extremely busy access road (New Road) to the Blean Woods Nature Reserve. In addition, the proposals for future housing development in Rough Common would exacerbate the problem further. Rough Common has always been considered a quiet residential community but it is now doomed to becoming an intolerable through route for traffic approaching and leaving the city.

We are therefore of the opinion that these proposals should be taken back to the drawing board for further, more detailed consideration being given to the quality of life of all Rough Common residents which would, without any doubt, be seriously affected by the proposals as they stand at present.

Yours faithfully,

(Derek and Valerie Greenstreet)