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Canterbury local plan

2 messages

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Policy R1 – Strongly Disagree

I consider this to be my village, where I have lived for approximately 40 years. I moved here because of the small, beautiful, peaceful nature of the village. The village of Adisham is coming up to its 1400 year anniversary, I believe it should stay a small rural community to protect our heritage. We have an 'Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty' so walking in the countryside is extremely good for my mental health, I can't bear the thought of all these houses being built on valuable farmland that so many animals consider their home. About 10 years ago we started noticing more and more birds of prey in our skies, we still love to watch them stalking their hedgerow prey. We can hear Owls from our bedroom too. We have a good community, most people know each other, we welcome new families into the village but 3200 new households would drown the community we have.

We have beautiful night skies, we regularly look at the stars, I worry we'd lose this due to light pollution.

Any time there is a road closed near to the village, the excess traffic that uses the village roads make it dangerous. Even without road closures the traffic is already too heavy for the size of the roads. In winter months there are always accidents on the Adisham downs road. This road can't be made any less dangerous!

The junction of Bloodden and Station Road is a dangerous junction, the view out onto Station road is blocked by the bungalow on the corner. I've known of several accidents since I've lived here. Traffic going to the north of the site will undoubtedly use the downs road and use the Single lane of Bloodden road to get to home. The current sewerage system, and clean water infrastructure is old and won't cope without millions of pounds being spent FIRST!

Policy R2 – Strongly Disagree

We haven't had a shop in the village for over 20 years, we don't feel we need one on our doorstep. We use delivery services or enjoy travelling to local towns where we can get all we need. We have a village hall already that has recently seen a pop up pub that is popular, it's where our small community can come together. 2 new community hubs would jeopardise the future of the existing hall. Two new primary schools would mean the end for our victorian school, it has a real community spirit and relies on a constant flow of children to stay open.

Policy R20 – Strongly Disagree

R1 would join Adisham to Aylesham, this would join Aylesham to womenswold, and the south Aylesham plan from DDC would join Snowdown, creating one enormous town sized development. It seems you are intent on destroying every village.

The traffic on the B2046, has increased so much since the last lot of developments on the Aylesham side. It doesn't only make this road busier but all the small rural roads many of which are single lane, unlit and already have problems with speeding cars.

Policy R22 Strongly Disagree

I'd accept housing built for people with local connections as the southern housing houses in the village are. These 10 houses will be expensive houses possibly bought and rented out, as happens a lot with large developments. This means renters that don't necessarily WANT to live in Adisham or care for the community. We have major parking issues on the opposite side of the road. There are currently 12 parking spaces for 13 houses around the green on Station Road. There are regularly another 10+ cars parked on the pavement or in front of other cars, This causes a lot of traffic flow problems on station road where visibility is poor meaning lots of reversing to find a passing space. Prams and groups have to walk in the road because of how residents park which in bad weather is muddy or has a river running down it due to rubbish drains. These 10 houses would not have parking for guests therefore more cars fighting for the existing communal spaces. We feel there would be more pollution and rubbish in the area.

Policy R28 – Strongly Disagree

In your policy 'Rural settlements in the district classified as Villages or Hamlets in the Rural Settlement Study (2020) have either no services or very limited services and are generally considered to be unsustainable locations for new housing development.'

THEN WHY HAVE YOU PUT POLICY R1 IN AN UNSUITABLE LOCATION?????

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Policy R1 – strongly Disagree

I live on Station road, I worry about the amount of cars that will come with 3200 houses. To say that having all amenities in the area will stop the need for people owning cars, but living in a rural area with terrible transport links like the unreliable train service will mean people still want cars. In 10 years time when the houses are expected to be ready, electric vehicles will be more popular, the charging points will drain the power system. we suffer regular power outages on Station Road already. We worry about the increase in crime rates, we have a community understanding that we all look out for each other and report unusual movements in the village via a community facebook page. The amount of new houses would be more like a town. We wouldn't get to know everyone for years so would be constantly on edge about unusual activities.

I am diabetic and have to regularly attend doctors appointments which sometimes can take weeks. This is due to an already overloaded GP surgery in Littlebourne which i've attended for years. Even if you built a GP surgery in the plot it would need staffing which seems to be the issue not how many GP buildings there are.

R20 – Strongly Disagree

I disagree with merging Adisham, Aylesham, Womenswold and Snowdown. All these current villages have their own communities that will be destroyed. The traffic out of Aylesham can be held up coming onto the B2046, hundreds more homes off this road would cause severe jams. This would and already does cause Adisham to become a rat run, as the roundabout onto the A2 gets too busy for people in a hurry!