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FAO The Policy and Strategy Team re District Local Plan

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To whom it may concern

These are my responses to the Canterbury District Local Plan which I wish to be considered.

HOUSING

New housing outside of the city should be of an appropriate scale to its surroundings and should not surround existing villages. Open countryside and farm land should not be filled in to the point that housing projects threaten to fill in our green spaces between existing communities. Numbers should be scaled back while the infrastructure is not in situ. All housing should be planned to allow a healthy lifestyle for its residents, be carbon neutral and include more social/affordable housing especially for younger residents and developments appropriate for the elderly or disabled should be proportionately represented. Current plans and numbers only seem to reflect what the developers want. Little Stour Villages should not be considered for expansion while there are ongoing issues related to waste water management. Local sewage treatment already struggles to cope with heavy rainfall leading to damaging leakage into our precious chalk stream and the Stodmarsh National Nature reserve. Sewage already needs to be removed by tankers at times adding to additional road traffic.

Investment to remedy these issues needs to be completed before any further development and infrastructure needs to have the necessary capacity.

TRAFFIC

All effort should be aimed at reducing reliance on cars and the construction of more roads is the opposite of what is required. Better, more affordable, joined up public transport should be made available across the district. Building additional ring roads will encourage an increase in cars journeys and does not appear to support the Council's Climate Emergency stance.

With regard to the proposed Eastern corridor, and the Old Park area, the proposed road would endanger the archaeological excavations which are currently revealing one of the oldest excavated sites in the UK and one of the three oldest in Northern Europe. It would also destroy ancient woodland, disrupt ecological connections and threaten the existing SSSI

The scheme to divide the city into zones would only increase traffic and segregating communities and attempting to fine any miscreants would be hugely expensive and has already made the city a laughing stock. This is not the solution that our historic city needs

Yours faithfully
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