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## Canterbury City Council Local Plan to 2045 - 31,300 new homes

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I wish to register my objection to the proposed Local Plan for the following reasons:

1. The Plan does not comply with how a plan should be prepared and it conflicts with the Council's own carbon policy.
2. There are no details on road spend or the consequences of the extra traffic. 'AND THERE WILL BE MUCH MUCH MORE TRAFFIC. If the Council believes the residents in these 31,300 new homes will not use their cars to get to work/schools/city centre/stations you are very mistaken.
3. The Council should calculate accurately the need for new housing. It should not be based on an artificial Government target. How has it arrived at 31,300 new homes? Maybe this is the number required to get the new bypass so desperately desired by the Council. Who are all these houses being built for? The Council should be concentrating on affordable 1/2 bed housing nearer to the City centre for local young families. It should not be building luxury which will be bought by outside investors.
4. No consideration has been given to loss of biodiversity, the loss of surrounding prime farmland (at a time when UK should be growing more food and importing less) and the loss of the whole character of Canterbury which uniquely sits in a 'bowl' surrounded by green fields and hills. There will just be housing as far as the eye can see from the City Centre. Good town planning creates communities. This plan does not.
5. All residents are aware of the current water problems in Canterbury and, with climate change, there will be more water shortages in the future. Plans to remove sewerage by truck at the proposed Mountfield Park and Nasons developments is proof enough that Canterbury cannot cope with any more housing and certainly not on the scale of 31,300 new houses and approx 75,000 more residents. I remember only 4 or 5 years ago seeing fish in the Stour at any point through the City but not anymore. Over development and farm run-off has ruined our precious chalk stream. What effect will an additional 31,300 houses have?
6. There has been a total lack of liaison with S Canterbury residents on the impact of this proposed development, on protected green spaces and on traffic pollution. The Council treats existing residents with contempt. I believe the Council's policy is "More harm doesn't matter" - because this plan will not just harm but destroy this World Heritage City forever.

With Michael Gove's recent new guidelines on housing development, this Local Plan should be paused, if not completely scrapped.

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