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Local Plan

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Local Plan 2045Comments by Adrian and Mehri Holliday
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We thank the Council for inviting us to engage with and comment on the Local Plan 2045.

We cannot support the Council's proposal because the scale of development within just one mile radius of our neighbourhood is thoughtless, lacking the essential principles and structures for any such development. There is no logic in building so many houses and no evidence that such numbers are actually needed in such a small area.

Below, we first highlight the relevant categories in the Local Plan particularly important in our area. Secondly and crucially we put forward our argument and reasons for opposing the Local Plan as it stands.

Categories:

C12: The fields and orchards immediately south of Littlebourne Road will be annihilated by the proposed 1,400 houses, and a school and related facilities including waste water treatment plant draining to Lampen Stream.

C13: 645 houses are proposed for the land south of Bekesbourne Lane adjacent to Worcester Lane.

C14: 67 houses north of Bekesbourne Lane, Hoath Farm.

C15: 74 houses proposed on the Golf Course.

C16 Eastern Movement Corridor: the proposed route crosses Stodmarsh Road near Moat Lane traversing important archaeological sites, significant and rare wildlife as well as farmland.

Our argument:

- We understand that Canterbury is an important ancient Cathedral City and a World Heritage Site and as such its future and sustainability must be safeguarded for future generations. We would welcome sound and sensible planning for Canterbury and will cooperate with the Council towards this goal. However we believe a prior more extended and open consultation with experts as well as the residents would have resulted a more viable plan. The younger generation, the future residents, students in various disciplines such as architecture, civil engineering, and sciences from the wealth of the universities in Canterbury, would have better served these proposals and Local Plan.
- On congestion, we would like to see a more in-depth and detailed discussion and planning in modes of transport towards Net Zero ambitions. There is no indication which types of electric public transport could be available. Cycling which requires extended cycling routes and appropriate facilities are not discussed. Further, we believe the sheer number of proposed houses/dwellings so close to Canterbury would be incompatible with congestion reduction and Zero Emissions. The awkward Zonal Proposal will further increase congestion by forcing people to drive reaching and accessing what is needed in day-to-day living.
- On biodiversity, the Littlebourne Cluster is an important wildlife corridor with rare species. It includes Littlebourne and Stodmarsh Road neighbourhoods, and the town of Fordwich, which collectively link and nurture sites of significant archaeological value, as well as meadows, woodlands, grasslands, and bird sanctuaries. The proposed Local Plan will drive even more species into extinction. Can the Local Plan 2045 guarantee that these sites will be sufficiently protected? This will NOT be possible if the proposed number of new houses goes ahead as detailed below.
- On Sequencing, it is not clear how and in which order the Local Plan will be executed. Details and discussions around the by-pass, the housing development, the much needed fundamental infrastructure such as waste, sewage, water provision, and carbon-free energy, are absent from the Plan.

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