



CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

Local Draft Plan Consultations R1, R20, R21

1 message

Helen Barker [REDACTED]
To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

9 January 2023 at 19:51

I strongly disagree with the local draft plan section R1, R20 and R21
I have completed the consultation form online but as no receipt is sent by yourselves I am sending you my comments as an attachment to this email. Please confirm that you have received it.
Helen Barker

R1 - Adisham New Town

My family have lived in the historic hamlet of Blooden in Adisham for more than 70 years. I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL and ask that this monstrous overdevelopment of beautiful Kent countryside is removed from the local plan. My reasons are as follows:-

1. **LOSS OF OPEN COUNTRYSIDE.** The new scheme offers country parks. No parks are needed as this area is already a large area of natural countryside available to all by its network of public footpaths leading to the North Downs Way and also historic woodlands which are SSSIs. The importance of this tranquil rural area was shown by the amount of villagers and visitors who chose to walk these quiet country paths during the Covid lockdown, it was (and is) essential to the well being of peoples mental health to have open countryside to enjoy. The existing open countryside paths will be absorbed into housing estates and pavements if the building goes ahead.
2. **LOSS OF WILDLIFE AND HABITAT.** There will be light pollution and the habitats of many species would be destroyed. There are owls and buzzards that regularly hunt in these fields, there are skylarks and corn buntings, there is also an active badger set within the planned building area. Open countryside in east Kent is disappearing at an alarming rate.
3. **LOSS OF PRODUCTIVE FARMLAND.** A serious and devastating effect of this plan is the irreversible loss of a huge area of prime agricultural farmland. These acres of high grade food producing land are vital, and if built on would be lost forever, not just now but for all future generations. We have to stop destroying farmland, recent events in Ukraine show the imperative need for our country to produce more of our own grain and food. The local plan seems to ignore farming. Has Canterbury City Council assessed the value of agriculture in this area? Agriculture should be promoted not destroyed.
4. **INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE.** The infrastructure is not good enough to support this proposed huge development. The road B2046 been found inadequate for extra traffic, this is shown by Dover District Council having removed 500 planned houses from land opposite this new town that would have used this road. Local lanes and roads are already over used and frequent accidents occur. Water supply in this area is already overstretched in dry summers. Extra sewage from this proposed development would overload the system which already has discharged raw sewage into local seas to the detriment of marine life and preventing people from using the beaches for recreation. It could also affect Stodmarsh Nature Reserve. There are water sources under this ground as we have a deep well that taps into it. Flooding could occur in our village as rainwater would have nowhere to run off if fields were built on.
5. **LOSS OF IDENTITY FOR ADISHAM HISTORIC VILLAGE.** This proposal would link Adisham and Aylesham with their boundaries being next to each other. The existing small individual village of Adisham would be lost as would the be the historic hamlet of Blooden which has listed buildings. A recent planning application in Adisham village was refused because it "fails to preserve the character and appearance of a conservation area" - how can the construction of 3200 new homes and connecting roads preserve it? The character and peace of the area would be lost forever.
6. **HOUSING NEEDS.** Recent changes by government mean that housing targets are no longer relevant. The vast quantity of houses proposed would not be needed for local people. In order to meet the local housing need small parcels of land within the existing village could be used for building low cost housing. There are several suitable areas that could be used for small amounts of development, this huge development is not necessary.

PLEASE PLEASE REMOVE THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FROM THE LOCAL PLAN AND PRESERVE OUR BEAUTIFUL KENT COUNTRYSIDE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Sent from the all-new AOL app for iOS