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Opposition to the Local Plan

2 messages

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To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

9 January 2023 at 13:46

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find below some of my reasons for opposing the local plan. I have completed the questionnaire and submitted it, and the objections below are stated in one section. I have not completed all of the sections with my thoughts, but wished to register my opposition in this manner. I would be interested to hear the views of the Council as to whether they consider the questionnaire's complexity a democratic and simple way for voters / constituents to voice their concerns. My personal view is that the process has been made deliberately difficult and arduous to prevent residents from taking the opportunity to have a say in a matter which may have an enormous and detrimental effect on our town.

I think that the increase of building homes within the Whitstable area should be reviewed especially regarding the fact that there is insufficient infrastructure in the area to accommodate the current population, let alone the residents of the numbers of proposed dwellings.

There is an overloaded water supply and disposal system in place, demonstrated by the regular discharge of sewerage into the sea when there is excess rainfall.

There is a huge problem with the road systems, which regularly cause queues of traffic trying to get in and out of the town, especially during the Summer season. The roads are unable to cope with present levels of traffic, let alone the additional cars which will come with more housing. This is not only inconvenient to the current residents, but is damaging to the environment and to the future residents themselves, having to breathe the fumes created by extra cars.

There is insufficient health and social care provision for the current population, albeit Estuary View provides an excellent service, it cannot sustain that with a massive increase in residents.

There are insufficient schools in the area, especially for the secondary age pupils. There is no grammar school in Whitstable and Herne Bay, thus meaning that those pupils have to travel by public transport to attend grammar schools in either Canterbury or Faversham - can the grammar schools provide enough places for the additional children, and can the bus companies provide enough transport? The secondary schools in Whitstable and Herne Bay can also not be expected to maintain the level of physical development to accommodate the rising number of children in the area due to the development of housing. I note that Whitstable has the 8th highest number of second homes in the country - homes which are not occupied for twelve months of the the year. Those of us that live here can see the impact that it has on the town - it is like a ghost town in the colder months and excessively busy in the warmer months. I suspect that a large number of the proposed new build houses would also be purchased by second home owners, rather than people who want to live here, or by investors..... Whitstable also appears to have more than 1000 airbnbs - another swathe of homes that are not occupied for twelve months of the year. Of course, Canterbury City Council benefits in Council Tax payments for these empty properties and I recall that a local councillor owns and rents out an airbnb - this is a situation that requires deeper investigation in my opinion.

The above reasons are of course in addition to the opposition that I feel regarding the destruction of green fields and open spaces. The risk to already endangered species is not compensated for by the provision of green corridors, nor does it detract from the fact that there is complete disregard for the present residents and their quality of life.

I have copied Peter Old and James Flanagan into this email for their information.

Regards

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10 January 2023 at 12:28

Dear Ali

Thanks for copying us into your response. You make excellent points.

We are submitting our own response and will publish that on the Chestfield Ward Liberal Democrats Facebook page in

due course.

With best wishes

Peter Old

(Chestfield Ward Liberal Democrat Candidate)

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