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DRAFT CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN I TO 2045

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I would like to comment on Section One of this plan and specifically subsection SS4 and its relevance to Rough Common.

For a scheme that would have such a major impact on the hundreds of people who live directly on Rough Common Road, I find that the plan lacks any detail of what is truly intended. On that basis alone, I oppose this section of the plan. Just as medical procedures need informed consent, so the same logic applies to this Draft Plan. Without any details you cannot honestly say that you have adequately consulted the population.

The scheme lacks the vision for a full city bypass that routes traffic through less populated land further from the city. This would likely be faster to implement since the hundreds of compulsory purchase orders needed to acquire land for an expansion of Rough Common Road would be vigorously opposed.

Building a modern specification, high capacity bypass further out would result in a safer, less polluting and less expensive road than trying to adapt what is essentially a residential area into a dual carriageway.

Such a scheme would also allow the infill areas within the new road boundary to be used for housing, small industrial sites and park and ride facilities.

I would be grateful if you would pass on my views to the review committee for their consideration.

Thank you, Dr Christopher Dawson.

