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Local plan response

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To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

There is no doubt that there is a need for more housing in East Kent including the Canterbury area, but the plan in its present form provides little benefit for the existing residents of Canterbury, the environment of Canterbury, or its potential as a tourist and shopping centre.

At present the roads into central Canterbury are not fit for purpose. Every day there are traffic jams on the main roads into the city which can become intolerable during school and university term time. This creates unacceptable air pollution. Cycling into Canterbury also becomes a risky and dangerous business with many motorists paying scant regard to cyclists. These problems will only be made worse by increasing housing without adequate infrastructure and provision for cyclists and pedestrians.

The proposed ring road will only divert traffic around the city and lengthen journey times and fuel consumption. The proposed zoning of the city will create huge resentment among the existing residents who will have to make longer journeys onto the proposed ring road which will simply move the traffic congestion elsewhere and prolong the journey times across the city. How are people going to get to the schools and universities situated in the centre and northwest sectors of Canterbury?

I do not understand why the Park and ride on the Sturry road has been closed. Surely there is going to be a greater need for more park and ride facilities on all sides of the city as more people come into the city to work, to visit, to shop, or to catch trains to London. Has the council given up on attracting shoppers from towns and villages to the north and East of the city since Westwood cross shopping Centre in Thanet has been opened and blessed with free parking?

The increased number of houses is going to mean more sewage to be disposed of and a greater need for water. How are these needs going to be met? When will the Broad Oak reservoir be constructed? What are the plans for sewage disposal? Will the council have any control over the quality of the new housing once the land is handed to the developers?

I understand that the draft plan is to double the number of houses in Canterbury by building 20,000 new houses by 2040. This will mean building more than 2,000 houses per year. At present approximately 600 houses are being built each year. Is there a need for increasing this number when it is barely possible now to sell these new houses to buyers at affordable prices?

There appears to be no mention of providing any acceptable parks or open spaces for older children and adults, South Canterbury which will bear the brunt of the increased house building has no such spaces within easy walking distance. All too often the developers provide only small play areas for infants and toddlers without regard to the majority of residents.

I see no mention of any co operation with any other councils in East Kent regarding the planning for the projected increase in population. There appears to be a lack of co-operation between the various local authorities regarding a coherent plan.

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I believe that i am not alone in advocating a plan which respects the individual needs of all the towns in East Kent and addresses the particular needs of each town.The plan in its present form is unacceptable .

yours sincerely Richard Edwards