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RE: CANTERBURY LOCAL PLAN TO 2045

I wish to oppose policies SS3 and SS4

My main opposition is the the vague phrase " upgrading Rough Common Road" thereby destroying a residential village to join a non existent road to join up with "Eastern by-pass". This means that the houses in Rough Common Road and those tat lead from it will be blighted until at some unspecified distant time the whole road building plan is completed. The road which is used as a walking route to the primary school at Blean,at present suffers from speeding and heavy lorries and "upgrading" would make this much much worse.

The Plan also mentions new car parks and park and ride sites being built on the outskirts which could lead to the re-introduction of the 2007 plan for a park and ride at Harbledown on a pear orchard and adjoining a junior school next to a Conservation Area. After determined opposition the plan was voted out in April 2014.

Having studied the Plan I think that the whole idea of doubling the size of the city is wrong. Its main asset is that it is a medium sized town with international fame as a world famous Cathedral City. The status of our World Heritage Sites hangs in the balance already. The huge ugly student blocks ,empty for nearly half the year while the homeless wander in the ancient streets. Obviously the traffic in the town centre is a problem but by employing traffic consultants and taking into account the demise of petrol and diesel cars a plan could be achieved . By building estates all round the outside of the present town without the proper infrastructure or reliable clean water supply, even more people will have to journey into the centre for services.

I think that the Plan is not fit for purpose and ask you to start again on Policies SSE and SS4.

