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Objections to Local plan 2045

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To whom this may concern.

I am a resident in Whitstable and for the past 8 years I have enjoyed the space and peace of the area. I am now very perturbed to read about this vast local plan 2045. I object to much of the planning that has been laid out. I am baffled as to why this beautiful area needs to be taken over by so much unaffordable housing, and so much housing. There are thousands of empty properties across the UK that could solve some of the housing crisis. These building plans are huge, with huge expense involved. This area in Kent hasn't got enough money to fund even its everyday needs.

If implemented, these plans would create huge building and traffic noise, and too many emissions from the extra vehicles. Plus traffic jams during the construction of the builds. Also if these building works do go ahead, then the roads around the area wouldn't be able to contain the extra traffic. The M2 is regularly choked up with traffic. Canterbury is regularly brought to a standstill. I see that that problem is being addressed in the planning proposal, but that will cause more problems. People come to Canterbury because of the history of the city and the ancient Cathedral and buildings, not so many people will visit if they have to go miles out of their way to get park and ride facilities. Consequently not as much footfall and income from tourists. Also people (including myself) go to the Cathedral to worship. The easy parking facility that is in place at the moment, would be taken away.

There are several housing developments already being built around the area, and I'm wondering, are people able to afford to purchase these?

The housing developments proposed, include shops, schools and health centres, nothing social, just isolated cul de sac housing. No community. Who is going to run the shops? The shops in Canterbury and Whitstable are mostly closed and empty. Mostly charity shops and cafes that come and go regularly. Who is going to run the schools and health centres? We have a dearth of workers in the country.

I particularly object to proposing to use farm land for a housing development, specifically Brooklands Farm W5. I live nearby and regularly walk around this area of peace and tranquillity. It has little streams around this land that would cause flooding if that amount of properties were built, it's already wet around this area. The plans include no provision for handling the massive extra run off of surface water from all the new hard ground cover. My objection is more than just that, we need farmland, we need space to grow crops and feed farm animals to be able to feed the people. We need to be self sufficient in this country.

Faversham is going to be using up farmland with the Duchy of Cornwall's plans! I believe it is short-sighted to use farmland for housing estates.

We also need green space for wildlife, birds and bugs, and people's well-being to enjoy the nearby countryside.

It is proposed that more buses would be offered for the area, this has not been promised by the bus companies. We would need more trains as there are times, at the height of the holiday season, when there isn't enough room to get on the trains back to London.

The huge problem I foresee is the problem of sewage and waste water. Nothing is mentioned in these proposals. We already are suffering from our seas being polluted with raw sewage. Causing all sorts of health problems and the one thing that Whitstable is famous for are the oysters. Where would the new sewage farms be implemented?

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