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Canterbury District local plan

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Policy R1 – Strongly disagree

I live on [REDACTED] just outside Adisham, it is a quiet country road used by tractors and other farm machinery all day every day. Since the Aylesham expansion, traffic has increased making it more difficult to get around. The laybys are now unusable, and drivers are resorting to pulling into the fields to let cars pass, we have seen people getting their cars stuck in the fields on a regular basis, on one occasion, twice in one day. The road is now a mess of mud and potholes. With nearly all roads in and out of Adisham being single lane, or having parts that are single lane, these are problems that are only going to get worse.

With the plan to build 3200 houses, the number of cars using Bramling road will be ridiculous, most households have at least two cars that's an extra 6400 using the tiny farm roads bottlenecking every time the road is single lane. This is without the extra shopping vans, delivery vans and work vehicles.

The trains through Adisham are unreliable and only run to London or Dover priority on a slow line, they are largely unused by the locals who still have to rely on having cars to do things like a weekly shop, something that would be impossible by train! The trains don't go directly to places like Thanet and Folkestone for example. Lots of locals work towards Thanet, with every hold up on the B2046 due to road accidents or maintenance the only other route to Thanet will be Bramling road, a single lane, unlit road which is already feeling the strain of increased traffic, will not cope with this. I also wonder how city dwellers will feel about being stuck behind a tractor! Lets face it, these houses are not being built for people moving from the countryside!

I grew up in the countryside, I am used to the smells and the farm machinery, I have huge respect for the land and the farm industry which is now so under threat.

I moved out of Adisham recently, but I am still very much part of the Adisham community, both my sister's still live in the village and my children currently attend Adisham CofE Primary School. Adisham is a lovely, quiet place with fabulous wildlife, spectacular birds of prey and such a great community spirit, we have regular events in the village hall and a yearly summer fayre, the new town will destroy our little village, it will become just the outskirts of a new town in a huge heartless concrete jungle. I'm so angry that people with no connection to the space can come in and destroy such a beautiful place and ruin so many lives. Every person who lives in Adisham chose to live in this small village surrounded by open fields and woodlands, they chose to live alongside farms and their working fields, to put on their wellies and take the dog for a country stroll. They do not deserve to have their lives

and their homes encroached in such a detrimental way, not to mention the damage to the arable fields that will no longer be producing food for our tables.

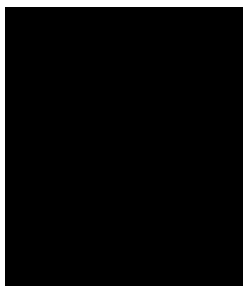
When will this destruction stop, we will no longer be the garden of England but a mass of houses, shops and industrial sites all under the pretext of being new garden community with its new green gaps and active corridors.

What is a country with no countryside, once the land is gone, there is no going back.

It is currently really difficult to get a doctor's appointment, there is simply not enough surgeries or more importantly doctors to fill them, with this increase of houses it will be impossible to be seen by a doctor. The school in Adisham is currently understaffed, with new schools being built the lack of teaching staff will be a bigger problem.

The increase in people coming into this proposed 'new town' to go to its new schools and shops will only exasperate things further.

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