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Local PPlan Consultation

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Re: CANTERBURY AREA DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2020-2045 Policy C6 Land at Merton Park

Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

As a Wincheap Canterbury resident I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Merton Park development. This site is wholly unsuited for the size of project proposed. I am greatly concerned about the loss of green space. My children and now teen-agers spend lots of time there walking and running and taking their dogs. There is little enough for people their age to do and the lack of access to countryside will be terrible for their physical and mental well-being. They don't have funds to get a bus somewhere. And people don't like teen-agers hanging around the streets. For myself it is a wonderful place to exercise and experience nature easily, and would be a great loss, with detriment to my wellbeing.

As well as my personal concerns I fear the cost to biodiversity cannot be mitigated adequately and there is a high risk of flooding downhill of this development. The additional traffic created, particularly by the proposed football stadium, will destroy the peace that is so valuable in this area. I do not believe that the reality of this project will see sufficient social housing to justify the loss of this green space.

Please register my opposition in the strongest possible terms.

Regards

Elizabeth Weeks