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Local Plan

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To: "consultations@canterbury.gov.uk" <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

Dear Canterbury City Council

I would like to commend you for the huge amount of work that has obviously gone into producing such a comprehensive document.

I am responding by email as it is so tricky wading through the mass of information.

Housing

In view of a recent change of mind by the government I think the huge number of new housing should be reconsidered. Canterbury is a small city and it's special character will be changed by such developments.

I am in full agreement that new housing is needed but feel there should be far more emphasis on social housing with security of tenure and affordable rents. So called "affordable housing" is anything but for many families.

There is also, as far as I could see, no requirement for these new houses to be eco friendly. At the very least all new properties should have solar panels fitted by law.

Roads

The zone system is interesting but not the answer to the dreadful congestion and pollution in Canterbury. This needs addressing now not some time in the future. I understand the KCC are not willing to sanction a congestion charge but I would like you to look at this possibility and put a watertight case to KCC in support of immediate action. Maybe a charge could be levelled at particular times of day such as morning and evening rush hours. This would be a far less costly alternative and quicker to building new roads.

I fully support the need for safer cycle routes which might enable more people and children to get to work and school safely. A campaign to encourage safe cycling would be helpful – reflective clothing, bells, lights and courtesy to pedestrians and motorists.

Free bus passes for all school children might help with traffic around school times.

Environment

I am concerned that the special nature of Old Park and the surrounding woodlands will be severely compromised if the eastern ring road is built. This needs to be a fully protected area and lauded by the council rather than damaged.

I support the plans for tree planting but there also needs to be some plan for their care and maintenance in place.

Yours sincerely

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