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Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

I have been a Canterbury resident for thirty six year and I have lived in in Wincheap for most of that time. I wish to express my very strong opposition to the Merton Park development.

In Canterbury it is still possible to walk out to fields and orchards. You can no longer do this in most cities or towns in the the UK. We in Canterbury should be proud of this.

We are losing our countryside , valuable agricultural land, and the very essence of why Canterbury is a unique and beautiful place to live. You have no no idea how spectacular and joyous it is to see the blossom on the fruit trees in the spring and then the rows of gleaming red and green fruit in the autumn and then the fieldfares devouring the fallen fruit.

The size of this project is disproportionate for this site and the proposed football stadium will destroy the peace and quiet that we currently enjoy.

If this proposal goes ahead, we as Canterbury residents will lose this beautiful, open, green space. It is is vital for exercise and mental wellbeing and regularly and frequently used, especially by Wincheap residents. It was here that many of us escaped to during lockdown.

Please do not concrete over our green space.

Regards

Dr Nandini Hayes

As a 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 concerned about the loss of green space which was a vital lifeline to so many local people during the Covid-19 lockdowns. In addition, 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 spend a significant amount of my free time wandering the orchards and value this space as an accessible green space which is of benefit to both my physical and mental health. 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