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Subject Draft Canterbury District Local Plan to 2045

I am writing to object to aspects of this plan as a resident of Canterbury District.

The housing developments mentioned are not justified on the basis of economic growth.

Where is the empirical data to show that recent major housing developments in the Canterbury District area have caused economic growth in the area?

There is no definitive commitment to expand and upgrade support services in the district such as hospital, schools, policing etc.

Developers have been 'asked to' seems the only level of commitment, which means if it is too costly it won't happen. Developers have history of out-manouvering councils on these matters. I know as I have worked for some of them.

The 'Eastern Mobility Corridor' is a bad proposal as it:

- Cuts through swathes of countryside with various protected status, ruining the environment;
- Increases flooding issues due existing poor drainage and additional water run off;
- Increases light and noise pollution;
- It does not seem to provide a bypass function but merely joins some roads that are already congested; and carries extra traffic from the new housing developments;
- It cuts Fordwich in two and increases travel time to K&C Hospital;
- It will not doubt spiral out of control costwise as the Stantec Report has unreliable costings; and
- Together with the zoning scheme, it does not solve the congestion issues within Canterbury.

The Zoning Scheme idea appears to redirect traffic flows that will increase due to the new housing developments.

Canterbury District have not demonstrated any appetite for this approach seen in recent Park & Ride closures and allowing additional car parking within Canterbury.

An approach to completely eradicate unnecessary vehicular access into Canterbury should be adopted.

Perhaps Congestion charging levies should be considered, restricted access at certain times unless business or emergency etc.

The approach is not brave enough.

Your's Sincerely

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