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Consultation of draft Local Plan

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I am a Canterbury resident and have lived here for more than 36 years.

I wish to object most strongly to the proposals contained in Policies SS3 and SS4 that affect the villages of Harbledown and Rough Common.

1. In the Canterbury District Settlement Hierarchy, Harbledown and Rough Common are both considered to be 'Local Service Centres', yet Harbledown has just a pub and no shop, whilst Rough Common has only a letting agency and a small shop that is unlikely to survive much longer. They are no different to the places listed in the 'Villages' category and should be classified with them.
2. The proposal to use Rough Common Road as part of the 'ring road' would mean that it would have to take **all traffic** heading to and from Whitstable and Blean, the University, Kent College, St Edmund's School, the West Station and St Dunstons, whether from the east, south or west of the city. For example if, as a resident of Harbledown, I wished to shop at Sainsburys or the other supermarkets on the Sturry Road, I would have to travel west out to the A2, south on the A2 to Bridge, then on the 'Eastern By-pass' to Sturry and back into Canterbury on the Sturry Road, a return journey of several miles. It would be more convenient and enjoyable for me to shop in Faversham. If residents and commuters from south Canterbury wished to catch a train at Canterbury West Station, they would have to use the 'By-pass' and A2 to Harbledown, up Rough Common Road, then back down Whitstable Road to St Dunstons. Journeys like these would add considerably to the time and costs involved in accessing day-to-day essential and emergency services. These restrictions on residents' lives would be intolerable and cannot be justified.
3. The proposed 'upgrading' of Rough Common Road that would be necessary to use it as part of the 'ring road', would effectively destroy the village.
4. The proposal to 'upgrade' the junction with the A2 at Harbledown would inevitably destroy productive agricultural land and damage the Harbledown Conservation Area and its setting.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of these Objections.

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