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**Local Plan Consultation**

1 message

**Jane Elder** 

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To: "consultations@canterbury.gov.uk" &lt;consultations@canterbury.gov.uk&gt;

Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Merton Park development.

Having studied the relevant section of the local plan I have many concerns, but as a Wincheap resident for over 30 years I am most concerned about the loss of accessible countryside and prime farmland and orchards, both so important when local food production should be encouraged and not diminished.

I am sure that many have pointed out how these fields and orchards were a lifeline during the Covid-19 lockdowns for many residents. In addition, I fear the cost to biodiversity cannot be mitigated adequately and there is a high risk of flooding downhill of this development.

I do not believe that the bus scheme or improved cycle paths and footpaths will make any difference to problems caused by the increased traffic created by so many new homes.

Neither do I 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.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Elder



Sent from my iPad