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Local Plan consultation - objections

1 message

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Dear Canterbury City Council

I have just responded to the Local Plan via the questionnaire on your website. I am emailing because I think I may have ticked the wrong option in Q3 and Q4. Please note that I **Strongly Disagree** to both. If I inadvertently ticked 'Stongly Agree' this is in error as you will see from my comments for each.

To reiterate my comments, I have provided them below.

Thank you,
Steve Warren
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OBJECTIONS SET OUT IN FEEDBACK FORM

SS1

Neither Agree or Disagree

Do you have any other comments on Policy SS1? If so, please write in below or alternatively you can upload a supporting document

The proposals for turning Rough Common Road into a ring-road in Policy SS4 work against these proposals set out in Policy SS1. They will: increase noise and air pollution from more cars driving faster than the current 30 mph; increase truck traffic which is currently not allowed on a B road; destroy the trees already planted on RC Road if the road is widened to accommodate a ring road; have a detrimental effect on the nature reserve at Blean Woods; have a detrimental effect on existing local wildlife in the area; destroy the protected local character of the village.

The proposals for 'improving' the junction between A2 and Rough Common Road will also have a detrimental effect on wildlife and ecology of the area.

SS2

Neither Agree or Disagree

SS3

Strongly Disagree

What changes do you think should be made and why? Please provide any evidence you have to support your suggestions

Drop plans to restrict resident activity to Rural and Local Service Centres. As a resident of Rough Common, I would be 'forced' to use nonexistent services in Rough Common and Blean which consist of one local shop (Blean) and one soon to be defunct local shop (Rough Common). There is no doctors surgery, no vet, no other services of note. There is no current bus service and there is unlikely to be a bus service in the future because Stage Coach has deemed the route financially unviable.

Drop plans to force residents of neighbourhoods to use a ring road to access other parts of the wider city district. By forcing residents to either remain in their Service Centres or circumnavigate the city centre in order to access services which aren't available in their own Service Centre, they will be forced along a 'ring-road' which is proposed to be routed along Rough Common Road. This will destroy the Rough Common. The plans will also encourage non-local traffic whose destination is Canterbury centre to route along Rough Common Road instead of the A2050.

The plans will destroy the 'rural character' of Rough Common local settlement which SS3 sets out to protect.

The plans will also impact businesses in Canterbury city centre as residents will be forced away from the city.

SS4

Strongly Disagree

What changes do you think should be made and why? Please provide any evidence you have to support your suggestions

Remove the plan for a ring-road which is proposed to act as a 'by-pass' along Rough Common Road. The reasons for this are:

1) Widening the road would destroy local property, remove pavement access for pedestrians, remove room for parking with no alternative areas available to park (there is no room in the side roads). If there was compulsory buy-back of front gardens/driveways, there would be even fewer off-road parking areas - where would these cars park if there is no on-road parking either?

2) A wider, faster road will destroy the rural character of the village and detrimentally impact local ecology such as wildlife in Blean Woods.

- 3) Routing increased traffic along the 'bypass' will increase noise and air pollution and increase truck traffic which is currently not allowed due to RC Rd currently being a B Road.
- 4) There will be danger to life from residents in cars who will be unable to turn safely onto the road if traffic moves faster than 30mph
- 5) There will be danger to life also from residents being unable to cross the road safely.
- 6) There currently is no local bus service along RC Rd. A future bus service looks unlikely because it was deemed financially unviable by Stagecoach. To date, the local authority have had no influence on which bus services will or will not run locally. The local authority cannot guarantee that there will be buses along RC Road in the future. This would mean more cars travelling along a ring road either from neighbouring Service Centres or from outside of Canterbury.
- 7) There are no clear plans for a continuation of the ring road beyond the junction of RC Rd and Whitstable Rd. Without a continuation of the ring road, traffic will back up along RC Rd. It will also be forced into Canterbury along Whitstable Rd.

Do you have any other comments on Policy SS4? If so, please write in below or alternatively you can upload a supporting document

The plan to route a ring road along Rough Common Road is worryingly unviable and should be dropped. The local plan does not clearly state that the council's intentions of the ring road route but it is inferred. It is sketchy in the extreme and completely unworkable. As well as the reasons stated above, I object because:

- 1) There would be a negative Impact on drivers
 - o Gradient at Palmars Cross Hill is not safe to an entry/exit point of a 'ring road'
 - o RC Road bends as the road narrows half way along, this already poses danger for traffic exceeding 30 mph
- 2) The plan includes worrying suggestions of road changes between A2 and Rough Common Road
 - o it suggests a change to junction between A2 and RC Rd but these roads do not currently meet. Either the local plan is suggesting a change to junction of RC Road and A2050 or it is proposing a much larger piece of work to destroy the area between the A2 and Rough Common Road and create a much larger interchange which would have a devastating effect on Upper and Lower Harbledown as well as Rough Common
- 3) There is no road for a 'Rough Common Rd bypass/ring road' to join at the north of the university to take the traffic to the proposed 'Eastern By-pass/ring road' at Sturry. For such a

new road to be built would cause enormous destruction at the Whitstable Road end of Rough Common and Blean

4) The proposed 'by-pass/ring road' along RC Rd will not remove traffic from the city, it will only

- o circulate existing local traffic around the city via Rough Common till it heads back into the city
- o force traffic from proposed new city housing out of the city centre, along Rough Common Road before turning back into the city
- o circulate traffic from the A2 or A28 which is heading into the city centre along RC Rd

SS5

Neither Agree or Disagree