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## **Draft Local Plan**

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Peter Clough To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk 14 January 2023 at 18:45

Dear Sir or Madam

I write in the strongest possible terms to protest against the key proposals in the draft local plan. In particular, the 'zoning' of Canterbury with restriction of travel between areas is completely unworkable. The proposal in relation to north Canterbury is especially unacceptable because of the local scarcity of basic shopping facilities including supermarkets. Moreover, proposals for the new movement corridor in which Rough Common Road would be upgraded apparently to 'ring road' status is preposterous and iniquitous. Rough Common Road is already too busy and dangerous for residents. I suggest your surveyors should visit between 8.00 and 8.30 am each morning during school terms and see the obvious and pressing need for a pedestrian crossing near the junction of Rough Common Road and Ross Gardens. Even with 'upgrades' any increase in traffic would be unacceptable to residents, especially the elderly.

In summary, the zonal proposals are utterly impractical, even insane.

None of these arguments militates against the overriding principle that Canterbury needs a more environmentally friendly transport system. Pollution needs to be reduced and public transport, especially buses, needs improvement, but these proposals are not the way to do it. I suspect that, if implemented, they would lead to considerable protest and civil disobedience. The City Council would become a laughing stock and a national symbol of civic ineptitude.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Peter W L Clough