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Fwd: Local Plan - one objection

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To: CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

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Looks like an additional rep to add please

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From: **William Hicks** [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 14 Jan 2023 at 14:40
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From: **Lisa Carlson** [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, 13 Jan 2023 at 15:08
Subject: Local Plan - one objection
To: William Hicks [REDACTED]

Hi Bill,

I plan to send the BID's draft response to the Local Plan to the board today for any final comments over the weekend.

Most of the comments from the board are suggestions and questions, but there is one point of objection that I wanted to highlight to you in advance, which is about the reduction in the town centre boundary. Hopefully, this will make sense from a commercial perspective. Here's the draft wording below. Any thoughts or questions, let me know!

Town centre boundary

We object to reducing Town Centre boundary, which would see the area within the ring-road reduced such that it only includes the primary shopping area and areas redominantly occupied by main town centre uses within or adjacent to the primary shopping area city.

This could unintentionally strip the city of vital services, employment opportunities and amenities, the very things new residents would require. This comes at a time when most sectors are still in a very fragile recovery period.

We do not doubt that we need more housing and that there will be more residential use city centre space (preferably above ground level and within specific viability zones). More residents, especially within walking distance, can support businesses. However, if this influx of new residents is at the expense of those very same businesses then we could lose the critical mass of the commercial offering that attracts people to the city in the first place, and with it, the assets that bring the services and jobs that residents need.

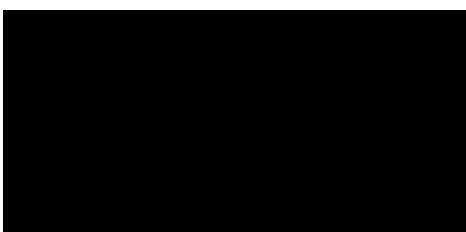
Kind regards

Lisa

Lisa Carlson

Chief Executive, Canterbury Business Improvement District

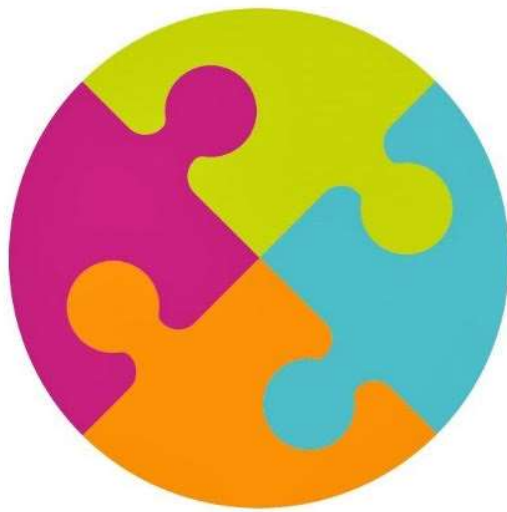
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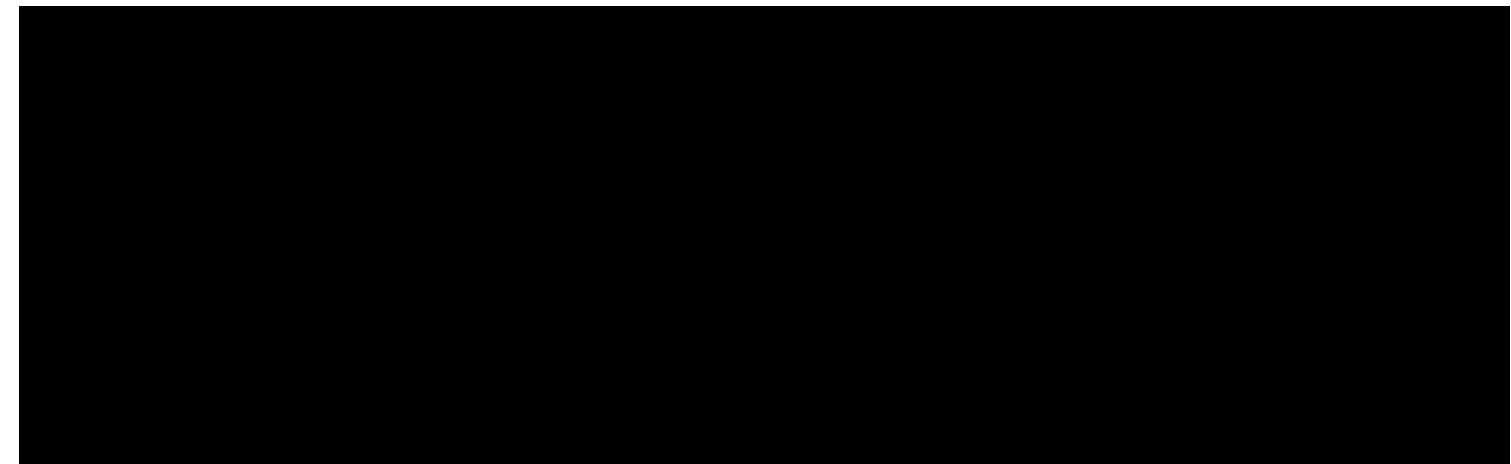
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