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Local Plan 2045

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Dear Council,

I am impressed by the obvious hard work that you have put into the drawing up of the Local Plan, and I would like to comment on one particular aspect of it and also make a more general criticism that relates to the ideas underlying the plan.

As a resident of Rough Common, I am very unhappy at the proposal to turn Rough Common road into a major arterial route. Like many villages in Kent, Rough Common has developed along a road, and the people living on that road, or nearby, have the same desire to live in a quiet and unpolluted setting as all other residents of Canterbury. It is unfortunate for the village that Rough Common road is a popular route to the University of Kent because this results in quite a heavy volume of traffic during the morning and evening rush hours. However, the traffic does seem to respect the 30 mph speed limit, and even if it is polluting, the village has time to recover between rush hours.

This leads me to my more general point. If the council is inclined to attempt to ameliorate our rush hour problems it needs to devise a plan for keeping traffic out of Canterbury. Buses, not cars, are the solution. For the vast majority of cars approaching Canterbury, the City is the destination and the drivers have no desire to by-pass it. Rough Common, and many other parts of Canterbury, would greatly benefit from a "Park and Ride" system based at Brenley Corner. Buses could carry people directly to their places of work or study. People wanting to by-past Canterbury can easily do so by taking the new Thanet Way (A299) or continuing on the A2. People travelling from Thanet towns also have convenient modern roads (A299, A256, A2 and M20) on which to by-pass the City.

Yours faithfully,
Roger Cooley

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