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Re: CANTERBURY AREA DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2020-2045 Policy C6 Land at Merton Park

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Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

As a Canterbury resident I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Merton Park development. This site is wholly unsuited for the size of project proposed. I am concerned about the loss of green space which was a vital lifeline to so many local people during the Covid-19 lockdowns and still in great use for exercise and healthy mind. In addition, I fear the cost to biodiversity cannot be mitigated adequately and there is a high risk of flooding downhill of this development. For many years each winter, albeit dwindling in numbers, Redwings and Fieldfares have come to the orchards and woodpeckers nesting in trees and birds of prey and hedge wildlife habitat will all be destroyed. Two schools, The Simon Langton Boys School and the large Wincheap Primary School will lose their countryside benefits for the pupils and staff. The additional traffic created, particularly by the proposed football stadium, will destroy the peace that is so valuable in this area. I do not believe that the reality of this project will see sufficient social housing to justify the loss of this green space. Not only would this be a further loss of farmland when we need to be more self sufficient, but also a much needed space of clean air for a congested traffic city.

Please register my opposition in the strongest possible terms.

Regards

Christine Seager

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