

I live locally to this proposed site but have a thriving business in Adisham. I completely and utterly disagree with these proposed plans and I would like to see the R1 New Town proposal removed in its entirety from the Canterbury District Plan. The character of the stunning village of Adisham would be lost forever, swamped by the new development. The rural landscape would be destroyed and the Adisham community ruined. The scheme will destroy much prime, productive farmland, precisely when our country needs such land. The landowners of the land where the new proposal is suggested are extremely against the new town build and have stated repetitively, they do not wish to be considered in this plan with future generation ready to continue the currently successful farming. I am disgusted that such a large area of productive farmland could be considered for concreting over. The provision of 'green spaces' is defunct as it is currently the best kind of green space. This is exactly the type of land we should be protecting with landowners that are using it affectively for high yields of wheat, barley, beans and oilseed rape as well as grazing cattle for more local produce. Consider the increased food miles this new town would cause. The stress that this whole process has put on hard working, farming families providing for us is disgusting and should never be allowed. Land where the landowners do not consent for it to be included in local plan should never be included. Both Adisham and Ayelsham have stated they do not wish the joining of the 2 communities, this must be listened to, even though the plan states this would not happen – it would be impossible to prevent, essentially building a huge estate.

The local road infrastructure is completely inadequate to the extra 3,200 houses that would be built in the new town especially when added to 420 houses ('minimum') that CCC plan in Womenswold and, in the Dover Plan, 640 at Aylesham (joining Aylesham and Snowdown). The roads are barely able to manage the traffic that travels on them at the moment with a recent increase accident occurring on the main Wingham to A2 road. The proposed housing would make travel in the area, specifically in rush hour, a nightmare. The wider road network would also be unable to cope with villages such as Wingham already under great strain with multiple accidents and reoccurring damage to properties.

East Kent is already a water-stressed area. We understand that CCC have no scientific evidence to show that local water resources can bear this extra burden. The local waste removing systems are already stressed. Increased housing will cause further sewage and disposal issues. The general and unacceptable additional strain on local services would add imaginable strain to the local area. We know from previous developments that not all the promised infrastructure is delivered on the plans but never actually happens in real life.

The woodlands in Adisham, Oxenden and Ileden, are officially designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). If we allow the influx of so many more people and consider the increased footfall in the woods, it is clear that the threat to the flora and fauna is huge, causing irrevocable damage and loss. The SSSI woods would become increasingly urbanised, and this will bring the loss and unhousing of rare species that must be protected at all costs.

Light pollution will significantly increase. Adisham boasts a huge wildlife population, and this plan will leave wildlife unhoused and with nowhere to go for safety. The night sky view will be ruined, the nature and community feel of Adisham village a surrounding natural area desecrated and lost forever. Increased volumes of concrete will lead to more local flooding. Noise pollution will increase and the quality of the air damaged.

Increased population (people, and travel) in the area would have a knock-on affect to rural pursuits such as horse riding and dog walking with many public bridleways and footpaths being swallowed by the new housing plan. Increased traffic would make horse riding, walking and cycling more dangerous, coupled with the loss of green spaces and appropriate pathways/bridleways. Horse riders would be

pushed to spend more time on road ways and coupled with the increase in traffic would lead to accidents.

There is no actual evidence that this proposal would meet current housing needs and with the recent changes in policy these plans are now irrelevant and unnecessary. The people of the Adisham, surrounding villages, landowners and local businesses do not want this development and we will fight with every breath we have to prevent it.