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Objection to Proposed Merton Park Development

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Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

I am a Canterbury resident and freelance writer who contributes to [The New York Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Washington Post](#), and [The New Scientist](#). I would like to register my opposition to the proposed Merton Park development.

In my opinion, the site is wholly unsuited for the size of project being suggested. I am concerned about increased congestion and the loss of green space which was a vital lifeline to so many local people during the COVID-19 lockdowns. I wrote about my time working on the frontline of the pandemic as a key worker in Canterbury for [The Financial Times](#) and [The Independent](#).

In addition, I fear the cost to biodiversity cannot be mitigated adequately and there is a high risk of flooding downhill of this development. The additional traffic created, particularly by the proposed football stadium, will destroy the peace that is so valuable in this area. When I am off shift or not writing, I enjoy wandering the orchards and value this space as an accessible green space which is of benefit to both my physical and mental health. I do not believe that the reality of this project will see sufficient social housing to justify the loss of this green space.

Please register my opposition in the strongest possible terms.

Best regards –

George Bass