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Response to Consultation on the Open Space Strategy

1 message

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I wish to object to several proposals of the Local Plan but find (like, I suspect, the majority of Canterbury's population), your questionnaire far too complicated and I lack the time, patience or technological skills to complete it.

Our record on air quality, environmental sustainability and wildlife preservation are very poor and hence I object to:

- the Western Bypass, which would destroy habitats and valuable agricultural land, when there already exists a perfectly good route through to the A2 from the Whitstable Road

- the Eastern Bypass which is also unnecessary and would cause untold damage to the SSSI of the Old Park and Chequers Wood

- the plan for traffic sectors within the city which would only create more traffic

If we are to save our city - and indeed our planet - we need to reduce traffic and stop being ruled by the car. It has been incontrovertibly established that building roads purely generates more traffic. We need to reduce reliance on the car by making public transport efficient and affordable (free even), creating affordable homes in the city centre where a car is not a necessity and incentivising people to reduce their reliance on the car. And we need to do it NOW, not as part of some futuristic plan.

We also need to save the environment by protecting and extending all SSSIs (particularly Old Park and Chequers Wood which is of unique value and home to rare and endangered species) and protecting Local Nature Reserves, such as Wincheap and Hambrook marshes.

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