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Response to local plan

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Dear Sirs,

Response to draft local plan for Canterbury

Your draft plan for Canterbury will not enhance its historic character but will instead surround this small medieval city with soulless housing developments and yet more traffic, against the wishes of the people who live here.

The proposed developments seem to be situated at sites picked not because of a coherent plan but because random agricultural sites could be available. Such developments, as we have learned from past experience, rarely end up with schools, shops, medical facilities, sports areas and social amenities, even if these appear on plans. People living in such developments, if these are permitted, will have to make their way to the town centre, probably by car.

Transport
It seems to me that many of the 20,000 proposed homes will have to be built and sold first in order to raise the money for the proposed outer ring road. In the current economic climate this seems unlikely. If you are serious about mitigating our grave traffic problems then consider raising the money to build the outer ring road first. If you allow large developments to be built and then fail to build a ring road then you will have left to future generations a greater population and more road traffic than Canterbury can absorb.

I note that the proposed traffic mitigation scheme at Wincheap will not now happen in spite of over one thousand new homes being built in Thanington. This does not give me confidence that that proposed outer ring road will ever be constructed.

Where will the many new jobs that will be needed come from? If newcomers want to travel by the high speed train service then the proposed housing is on the wrong side of the city. What about water supply and sewage issues? These are serious concerns.

Please think again.

Leonore Edwards

Sent from my iPad