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**Local PPlan Consultation**

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To: "consultations@canterbury.gov.uk" &lt;consultations@canterbury.gov.uk&gt;

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

Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

I live in Wincheap in Canterbury and I wish to express my complete opposition to the proposed Merton Park development.

I feel that this site is unsuitable for the size of this project.

Firstly, I am concerned about the loss of green space which was a vital lifeline to so many local people during the Covid-19 lockdowns. I also do not think that the cost to biodiversity will be adequately mitigated and I understand that 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.

Plus, the traffic in Wincheap and in and around central Canterbury is not inconsiderable already and adding many more homes will just exacerbate this.

I actually do spend a lot of my free time wandering around the orchards and really do value this space as an accessible green space which is of benefit to both my physical and mental health. This has been especially noticeable in the last 3 years as I have had anxiety due to working in ITU during Covid and living with someone who is classed as extremely vulnerable. Walking around the orchards has been an amazing help to me and to others I know and has enabled me to carry on with my work in ITU.

I really cannot 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.

Regards

Elizabeth Deacon

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