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Proposed plans for site C7 Land North of Hollow Lane, Canterbury

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Dear all,

I understand the volume of emails you may receive and the time taken to read these, however I ask with the utmost respect that you are able to read the following.

I write as a professional emergency service worker, resident of Canterbury and mother of two children attending local schools regarding the above proposed plan.

The number of planned houses for the south Canterbury area is quite simply eye watering when placed against the backdrop of required housing by Government. When this is held against the infrastructure and services available, it is nothing short of shocking. As a resident having read the plans, I am most concerned about the development C7 Land north of Hollow Lane, as proposed.

New House Lane has a rich and vital history in this area, with the development of the Lane carrying a unique story. The fields in question were used in World War Two to house the anti aircraft guns, and hundreds of years previous to this carry secrets from our Saxon past. As is well known by CCC and KCC, the development of the area was restricted to the 1150 houses on the Saxon Fields site and NOT on this C7 proposed land. The area is marked as an area of outstanding natural beauty and characterised by its uninterrupted view of the Cathedral, which is required to remain. The loss of this space would not only mean the disregard of this banner, but would also initiate zero green space between the developed land and the New House Lane hamlet, resulting in one extreme housing estate.

As a professional working in the emergency services, as well as having a degree in social policy and criminology, I can categorically state that the evolution of a mass housing estate carries with it significant and unavoidable risks to our crime rates and antisocial behaviour, as well as the health risks posed by busier roads. A lack of division between developments only exacerbates this risk. I cannot be alone in wondering how these increases will impact the community, CCC and KCC popularity and voting levels, nor the financial implications of increased crime and disorder on our tourist economy.

These items aside, our children are losing yet more green space. Their ability to be outside and immersed in nature is a significant part of our Government's aim to reduce poor mental health and obesity. Canterbury has the opportunity to be known as a leader in change; a vibrant, current and responsive City to the needs of the current and coming generations. By these and other proposed plans, KCC and CCC are being fundamental in preventing this.

I could continue into my concerns about the water treatment of so many houses, increased pollution in an already over polluted area, the risk of RTCs from increased road activity, and the disbanding of community, but I think these are a given.

I ask that when consulted on these plans, you may put your named roles to one side, and consider the impact of such development on your children and your grandchildren. They are, after all, the most important beings in any decision we ever make in our lifetimes.

With kindest regards,

Kate Lane