

I would like to strongly object to this plan for a new town adjacent to a village which has been here for centuries. I would like this to be thrown out in its entirety.

I moved to Adisham from Canterbury a number of years ago. Town life was not for me. I like village life and Adisham is just the right place for me. I suffer with my mental health and use running as a way of dealing with depression and anxiety. The house I bought in Adisham is perfect for me. I have space to breathe. Adisham is located at the train station linked to the North Down Way. I often run the NDW from Adisham to Dover and use Cooting Lane which then links to a bridleway which continues through to the North Downs Way. This development would impinge on the beauty of the run from Adisham onto the NDW. It will change this run from one which is good for my mental health to one that would impact badly upon my mental health. The 3200 houses would ruin this landscape for ever. We cannot just continue to build houses in an infinite way on only a finite amount of land. I see every type of nature you can think of on my run. The birds in the sky to the mammals on the ground to the plants which come with country life. Some of these animals and plants are protected. I have seen Badgers, bats, owls, foxes and many more species during my run up Cooting lane. The bluebells are amazing in bloom and the poppies remind me of those soldiers who gave their lives for us as a nation. I know that others use the railway to get onto the NDW from other areas because of the flora and fauna. Once these houses are built I will have to run through crowds before I get to my sanctuary as the new development will mean that the woods and the NDW will become flooded with people trying to get away from their overcrowded housing.

Along with a loss of this important land to housing we would see a loss of light in the night sky. You only need to look at Aylesham to see how light pollution is an issue. This can impact badly upon mental health on individuals and the ability for those people to get restful sleep. This light pollution would disrupt the natural patterns of wildlife and increase our release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This would speed up climate change. We would no longer be able to lay in our garden and watch the dark night sky if this plan was to go ahead due to the light pollution. We often look at the stars and watch for meteors and see if we can see different planets.

We will see an increase in Pollution from the additional traffic and noise pollution from additional cars driving past my house. We have already seen a major increase since the additional houses were built in Aylesham. This development would make Adisham Downs much more dangerous and the Wingham road would become impossible with thousands of additional cars. We have recently seen the death of a pedestrian on this road. Station Road becomes a rat run and because of this is now more dangerous than ever. The trains do not go to every location and when you are shopping for large/multiple items you do not use a train. You have to use a car. So you cannot say that this will be the main form of transport for the housing. This will simply not be the case. The train from Adisham is not high speed and it takes 1hr and 50 minutes to get to London from here. It is actually quicker using a car to get to London.

We are a tight knit community and most people in the village know each other. These additional houses would make Adisham a town and that means lots of people. The little close knit things we do in the village would become unmanageable and traditions would die. When you look back in history you see rich people wiping out communities around the world. You see this in America, Africa and many more locations. This is just another example of this happening. We are living in a time when housing is being put in front of mental health, wellbeing and community. The decision to move to this stage of the plan has caused me great difficulties mentally. I know it has caused other villagers great difficulties with their mental health. If you built a few houses here and a few there in the county, you would soon meet your quota. The issue we see are because rich property developers want to make huge amounts of money from building lots of houses everywhere in our county. Will

all of these houses be brought by Adisham people? That is actually impossible. The reality is that this is not for our village. This is just to meet ridiculous targets given by a government who is removed from people and reality. We are destroying this world that our children will inherit from us. You will be on the wrong side of history if you approve this ridiculous idea.

I understand that houses like this are brought by people who are trying to look after their riches. They know that property has a higher return than leaving their money in the bank. They buy houses and push the price up locally then rent those houses out with outrageous rental amounts to people who's wages haven't gone up with inflation since the last recession. Both parents in families now have to work full time to keep up with the rental prices and if they were lucky enough mortgage rates. If they do not rent the houses out then they keep them empty and watch with inflation as their asset goes up at a ridiculous rate. Housing should no longer be a way of making money for these people. Something needs to be done to stop this. Mothers and Fathers are promised a life where we can one day afford our own homes, yet the average £300000 house price means that this is unattainable for those who are from certain social economic backgrounds. This development is being pushed by the Council and I wonder what you are going to do about this issue as per the equality act 2010. You are after all a Public Sector authority and should think about your public sector duty in regards to this issue.

We do not have enough social housing, and this is due to the selling off of houses by Councils not building houses to restock.

I notice that these plans have small print in them to say that the social housing side will only happen if the property developer makes a certain profit. This is also true of the other parts of the plan which seem too good to be true. That is because most of the time they actually are too good to be true.

This development must remove more Co2 than you emit, not just during the development but for every year after the development is in place. This includes any travel to and from the site by people driving cars and any heating of properties as well as the workmen coming to and from the site etc. I understand that this stage of the plans are just for Councils to play lip service to locals and you will push this through. We expect Solar panels on every roof with ground source heating and electric chargers for cars. We expect zero light Pollution and zero impact upon our current ecology and biodiversity.

I am completely against this development and we will fight it legally if required.