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Response to local plan

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Dear Council members,

Thank you for sharing the details of the local plan.

I am a resident in Rough Common and firmly oppose the suggestion of turning Rough Common Road into an "outer ring road or Canterbury bypass". I appreciate that this element of the plan is still at "outline stage" but it is causing immense worry to those of us who live here. This suggestion would fundamentally change the quality of life for our part of Canterbury which already suffers enough from low amenities (bus stops, shops, council facilities etc).

I am not a member or voter for the Liberal Democrats but I am supportive of the efforts of Cllrs Alex Ricketts and Dan Smith to re-think the plan.

I am sure this has already been suggested by many others, but **my preferred option would be to immediately make all bus travel free in and around Canterbury** which would simultaneously ease car traffic (and hopefully make zoning etc unnecessary) and help with the cost of living crisis. I appreciate this would incur some expense in paying the bus companies, though in the longer term might that not be recouped by decreased costs on road building, pressure on the NHS re lung health issues, increased tax yield from people able to get to work etc etc? Is there any way that free bus travel might be trialled for one year to see what difference it makes, both to traffic flows as well as to overall expenditure?

Thank you for taking the time to read my response. I am sure that it is not easy to run a council at the best of times, never mind during the current multiple crises, and I wish you all well.

All good wishes,
Beth

Dr Beth Breeze

