

Response to Draft Local Plan 2045

R15 + R16 LITTLEBOURNE

Loss of Grade 1 arable land, needed to grow valuable food for the nation.

Loss of valuable field margins, used by raptors for hunting prey, we regularly see owls, bats and buzzards, we have foxes and badgers adjacent to these sites. Loss of hedgerows used for food/rest sites and valuable travel corridors.

Loss of natural rain water soak away, resulting in storm water run off into the stream, which feeds into the river, so risking the village from flooding.

The Sewage system is already under pressure from the existing properties, which has obviously increased with the Lawels New Development.

The proposed volume of housing will alter the village, beyond recognition.

The doctors surgery has long wait times for appointments.

The bus service at peak times, results in school children having to stand on the journey to Canterbury, owing to the demand.

There are no viable alternatives to car use to get to Canterbury, no foot paths or safe cycle ways, the A257 is narrow and dangerous.

The provision of A+E services are lacking, the journey to either Ashford or Margate is not easy for either patient or visitor.

The proposal of a road linking A257 to Bekesbourne lane, with housing sited along side, would block the obvious route of a village bypass for ever.

The volume of traffic using Bekesbourne lane is at times gridlocked, There is no way to walk safely, ~~to~~ along the road to the junction with A257. There have been several accidents on this lane, I myself have narrowly escaped injury on at least two occasions. Given

The loss of open countryside views, ~~and~~ these developments will have a negative impact on this small Kentish village, and must not be allowed.

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