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Head of Planning
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Objection to: Draft Canterbury District LOCAL PLAN to 2045

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to object to the Draft Canterbury District LOCAL PLAN to 2045 for the following reasons:

THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED LEVEL OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE PLAN

- The proposed level of development in the plan is not wanted by residents
 - o Local Plan Options Consultation Responses to the plan In 2021 (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DDnx6sv5J04YrC3HSCYjYFCdEPY-qWMU4X1SGT3dVRc/edit#>) on page 9, under section 3.1 the preferred *growth* [sic] option, show that CCC's preferred growth option is not supported by respondents (67.8%).
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) housing targets are now advisory not mandatory (according to a statement by Michael Gove on 6th December 2022: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-12-06/hcws415>) so the justification in CCC's [Consultation and Engagement Topic Paper.pdf] (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZochIFbG5Hcn8UKcCcDdANIdaN5npP1P/view?usp=share_link) of a 9,000 target is not justified.

THERE ARE NO SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS FOR LARGE KEY PROPOSALS IN THE PLAN

- The NPPF is out for consultation (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1126647/NPPF_July_2021_-_showing_proposed_changes.pdf) and section 1.1 states:

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally-prepared plans can provide for sufficient housing and other development in a sustainable manner. Preparing and maintaining up-to-date plans should be seen as a priority in meeting this objective.

As such, key components of the local plan focus such as the *Canterbury Circulation Plan* and the many proposed bypasses are scant on detail and certainly have not been sufficiently assessed in terms of sustainability. To proceed with such proposals within the plan, without sustainability assessment and detail, contravenes the NPPF and will blight homes and businesses across the district for decades to come.

THE PROPOSED BYPASSES ARE NOT NEEDED

- The Canterbury City roads get busy with local traffic, not through traffic. Bypasses are for through traffic.
- Through traffic already avoids the Canterbury City centre, and the addition of an eastbound exit junction on the A2 at Wincheap will ease through traffic flows both to the Park and Ride at that junction and westbound on the A28 Ashford Road.

THE CANTERBURY CIRCULATION PLAN WILL NOT DELIVER

- This proposal rings of a centralised Command Economy approach of a different country from a different era. Relying on fines of vehicle users to enforce it is evidence of this. CCC should be proposing solutions to enhance and augment residents lives not fine them for going about their daily business.
- The zoning approach will mean that residents will have little choice but to take longer, exaggerated journeys avoiding zones (fines) to meet their needs. No one zone will ever meet a resident's needs and all this will do is promote greater vehicle use and increase traffic. Vehicle use is a fact of life for the district and always will be: not every resident can get on a bicycle and be robust enough to deal with Canterbury's far from flat topology.
- Canterbury is an ancient historic city, millennia old, and as such will always suffer congestion from modern pressures. However, this is not reason enough to restrict movement of road vehicles. Neither is pollution as by any estimate will we see sustained increase in electric vehicles in the region and across the UK.

IN CONCLUSION

CCC is seeking a mandate on a Local Plan that is not wanted by residents, does not adhere to the NPPF and will succeed only in blighting housing, local businesses and people's lives for years to come.

This objection is supported by residents listed in the ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES section below.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs J I Fassum

ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES

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