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Local Plan consultation

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Here are my comments on the plan. They are brief because I have been too unwell to write at length

1. Housing – Building over 1000 new houses a year as planned is far too much Canterbury's infrastructure - not to mention traffic gridlock and air pollution. At present the property developers' tail is wagging the dog, at the expense of Canterbury's less wealthy citizens for housing they can afford.
2. Those traffic zones look completely unworkable. What are disabled people without a blue badge supposed to do ?
3. Canterbury's green spaces need preserving. They have already diminished and this plan makes things worse = especially on Hambrook Marshes, which are still under threat. The plan wrongly. calls them Whitehall meadows, and wrongly concludes that 'it would be inappropriate to give the Water Meadow open space protection as the site is currently designated, with planning permission for a Park and Ride."

This is untrue and shows that the Council has forgotten (or chooses to ignore) that it formally revoked this planning permission **two years ago**.

Had already designated a 16 m strip along the meadow as part of the Wincheap Local Nature Reserve.

(I live near Hambrook Marshes, which were a lifeline during lockdown, so have a particular interest in them.

Canterbury City Council needs to put a check on greedy property developers bent on vandalising green spaces to increase their profits.

I could say more but it's almost closing time. I urge the Councillors – particularly those who represent Canterbury City – to preserve what's left of beauty. And to put the interests of citizens at least equal with wealthy finance interests.

Yours truly,

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