



Draft Canterbury District Local Plan 2020 to 2045

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To: "consultations@canterbury.gov.uk" <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>

Dear Canterbury City Council,

I have been a resident of Upper Harbledown for the past 28 years and before that lived in Burgate for 7 years. Canterbury has become far less attractive as a place to visit and shop than the pleasant city of the 80s and 90s. Far from being one of the two main shopping centres in Kent (with Maidstone) that the plan states, I suggest that shopping at Blue Water and Westwood Cross with free parking and many major retailers in close proximity is more popular. Small towns like Deal which have a good choice of independent retailers are also far more attractive than the centre of Canterbury with many closed premises including Debenhams and Nasons sites. The choice of shops is poor. The parking charges are so extortionate that shoppers are put off. There is a limit to how much shopping one can carry on a bus or when walking.

Increasing walking and cycling in the district is a commendable aim. However, the population is aging, and needs sometimes to use cars. Buses aren't always available and the Canterbury City Council has failed to get a bus service reinstated through Rough Common. I doubt it has the ability to improve transport.

Policy SS4 - rerouting all traffic to North Canterbury by upgrading Rough Common Road. This is a stupid and ill-conceived proposal. It would change Rough Common from a close community to two halves unable to interact with each other. A busy road dangerous for residents to access or leave their homes by car, school children at risk trying to cross the road, and it would just shift the bottle necks into Canterbury from one location to another. Cyclists at greatly increased risk, not an encouragement to cycle.

Another poorly thought out scheme is the zoning of the city centre. I shop in one zone, my dentist is in a second zone and my doctor in a third! If I have to drive in and out of zones to access them without being fined, I will inevitably be increasing pollution. This is as silly as the traffic scheme for Wincheap which is going to waste a lot of money but doesn't deal with the bottle-neck at the railway bridge by the Wincheap roundabout. How is that problem being overcome by the new single lane scheme?

I no longer vote for Conservative councillors. I wonder how many others have changed their allegiance? The current City Council doesn't appear to plan in the interest of Canterbury's residents. Does it live in Cloud Cuckoo Land?

Yours faithfully,
Anne Caroline Jubber,



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