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By Email

Canterbury City Council
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Dear Sir or Madam

Representation on the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan Consultation in respect of SLAA217, Bridge Recreation Ground

1. I ask the council to consider the enlargement of the area shown as open space / landscape buffer, currently restricted to the village recreation ground, to include the field adjacent to it. I also ask the council to consider the inclusion of a specific policy relating to protected open space. I have previously made such representations, but the Draft Local Plan has not included the text and policies which I suggested. This field between Bridge Village Recreation Ground and the A2 is currently only identified as being within the AONB and outside the built confines of the village. In my opinion this field requires notation similar to that for the recreation ground in order to protect it from the threat of future built development.
2. These areas, located on the eastern side of the village, are currently proposed by Cantley Estates for significant development involving 47 houses, a site for a new village hall and a car park for 84 vehicles. Vehicle access to the 47 houses would be direct from Patribourne Road at a point where it is a narrow, tree lined country lane. And vehicle access to the proposed village hall and car park would be from Conyngham Lane.
3. The current adopted Local plan provides an entire chapter (chapter 11) on open space. The Draft Local Plan deals only with publicly accessible open space but contains no policies relating to the protection of existing open space (some of which is not accessible to the public) in the same way as that which is required by Policy OS9 – protection of existing open space – in the current adopted Local Plan. In my opinion, the Draft Local Plan should contain a similar policy to Policy OS9 in the adopted Local Plan. That, together with the identification of the field between the Bridge Recreation Ground and

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the A2 as protected existing open space, would provide a greater level of protection for this field than would otherwise exist with the policies in the Draft Local Plan.

4. I attach my earlier representations on this matter for you to consider.

Yours sincerely

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