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Consultation on draft Local Plan - statement from the Canterbury Forum

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At the meeting of the Canterbury Forum on 9 January, participants agreed to convey appreciation of the impressive amount of time and work devoted by council officers to the consultation and to the large number of meetings for members of the public, as well as the Council Leader's valuable contribution to the previous meeting of the Forum. Now that the consultation has closed, the hope is that all this work will not be wasted, and that the responses to the consultation will be carefully considered and given due weight. It was noted that the responses to the Options consultation clearly indicated that the Preferred Option had the least support, with 66.8% disagreeing with it and only 10.3% agreeing with it, and yet that is the Option which now forms the basis for the Draft Local Plan. No reasoned case has been provided for disregarding the consultation results. Canterbury Forum participants would therefore welcome an assurance that the responses to the consultation which has just ended will be fully taken into account in order to produce a final Plan which as far as possible reflects the views of the people of the District.

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