



KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL – KENT
Mr C Howard – Parish Clerk

To whom it may concern,

Please see below the response from Kingston Parish Council with regards the Local Plan 2045 consultation:

Kingston Parish Council is strongly opposed to Canterbury City Council's Local Plan 2045, with particular attention to the planned development at Adisham. As a neighbouring ancient settlement, Kingston is rightfully cautious that plans like those submitted with regards Adisham, could be replicated on ourselves. Adisham (like Kingston), has a rich history including historic countryside and as of yet unexplored archaeological remains. There are multiple Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI's) and ancient woodland around Adisham and Kingston alike. It is a tranquil environment for both residents and visitors alike, and this will be destroyed should the plans go ahead. Strong objections from both local Parish Councils, and residents alike, from the prior public consultation stage, seem to have been ignored by a city council intent on pushing through unviable plans.

The unviability of the plans are namely based upon (although not limited to) the following:

- Road infrastructure: This is currently an issue, and will be compounded by the lack of forethought, especially with, neighbouring district council plans. Most roads in Canterbury are already struggling for capacity, how are they going to cope with extra vehicles? There is no traffic management plan to deal with the increased traffic volumes.
- Water infrastructure: East Kent is already an area where there are issues with water, both clean and waste. There has been no evidence to suggest that already struggling resources locally will be able to cope with the influx of new houses.
- Sewage: Kent has already been at the forefront of the national news regarding sewage pollution into the coastal waters. There is no evidence to suggest that this is being improved upon, let alone increased in capacity to be able to cope with the new developments. Whilst this alongside nitrate issues with Stodmarsh are national issues, more needs to be done to fix the issues and prevent them occurring in the future, as there is the capacity for any concerns to become compounded.
- Services: Facilities and services, including the likes of GP's, appear to be an afterthought and thrown in to appease. Who will run these? How will these be funded? Are there persons ready and able to be employed at these facilities?
- Land: Land that has also been proposed has previously been deemed unsuitable for development. Homework has also not been carried out by the city council, with some landowners not agreeing to their land being utilised, but CCC carrying on regardless. The land that has been suggested, especially around southern Canterbury, is prime farmland and is what is much needed by this country, especially now more than ever given the current national economic stresses.

Question marks also remain over whether there has been any direct consultation with neighbouring district councils, with a large estate also being pushed through by Dover district council in nearby Womenswold.

Yours sincerely,

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