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Canterbury &District Draft Local Plan 2023-2045

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Comments on the EMC / Draft Local Plan

Good Afternoon,

I grew up along Stodmarsh Road and my parents own the field adjacent to Well Lane and Stodmarsh Road
that has been identified as part of the route for the proposed EMC.

1/Traffic volume on the EMC and future development.
According to page 63 of the Jacob's traffic models, the section of the new EMC between the A28 and A257
will be the busiest morning local route in the entire area (flow rate 1309), with only the arterial dual carriage
ways of the A2 and A299 seeing higher peak flows.
Page 53 indicates that the peak average journey time will be 25 minutes to cover the 4 miles from the A28
to A2 at an average speed of 16mph.
As far as I can ascertain from the flows in 2045 and the changes since 2019 he peak flow will be similar to
Rheims Way today.
These are both indicative of nose to tail, heavy traffic being diverted along the side of Trenley Park wood.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MdVmnrkVqOCvTzLr5OmNVqsKqnHNrF9C

Further, traffic this heavy is not a permanent solution and will drive pressure to increase the capacity (and
impact) of this road from day 1.
The predicted traffic volumes and speeds are similar to those currently in the town centre.

2/
Defragmenting ecological assets, particularly Trenley Park wood, is stated as an objective repeatedly in the
Local Plan.
For instance in the "East Canterbury Strategic Development Area" in the Local Plan:
"improved ecological connectivity to key natural assets such as Trenley Park Woods."
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How is this compatible with building the busiest road in Canterbuy alongside Trenley Park Wood and cutting
it off from wild spaces across the rest of the development area?

Regards

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