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Draft Local Plan Canterbury District to 2045

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I object to the Canterbury Circulation Plan and all policies in the draft Local Plan supporting or based on its implementation.

I live off Market Way in St Stephen's in Canterbury

The Canterbury Circulation plan will mean that car journeys will take significantly longer

If you are old need maternity and pregnancy support and are disabled the Canterbury Circulation plan will have the most negative impacts which even could result in danger to your life because of the significantly increased journeys to hospital and gp. This is especially the case for those living in St Dunstan's and St Stephen's where there is no hospital, or GP surgery. In these areas there is no outer ring road linking one neighbourhood area to the next as envisaged by the Transport Topic Paper and the model predicting journey times predict St Stephens Hill will be the worst affected - 16.4 km/hr. It seems that this plan discriminates against those living in these areas. We are living in times where the patient is expected to transport themselves to hospital and GP.

The elderly are less likely to cycle and may not have the walking ability to reach the shops library GP surgery etc or carry heavy objects home. Public transport does not provide an adequate alternative for many journeys. Many people live in side roads where there is no bus stop. There is an assumption that more cycling will make transport safer for the elderly. Please take the example of an elderly woman very seriously injured by an e scooter. Public transport can be unsafe for particular groups eg woman, the disabled etc where they can face harassment.

Please think about parents with young children taking their children to school and then continue to their jobs. Buses or cycling is not the answer. The secondary schools are based in South Canterbury. The hospital is in South Canterbury. This scheme will make Canterbury a very unattractive place to live and have a business.

The evidence to support this plan is scant, Ghent has a population of half a million it is the largest city of East Flanders and is not a suitable comparator for Canterbury. What is the evidence for Oxford and Birmingham again much larger conurbations.

Traffic will be displaced to a non existent outer ring road for the north of Canterbury and the outcome of the CCP is that all traffic in St Stephens will have to go through Rough Common to reach the A2. This will cause significant additional traffic on Rough Common Road and the A2. There will be more congestion and chaos when the A2 has roadworks or accidents or in bad weather.

There will be plenty of examples of the problems caused by outer ring roads eg Paris and Oxford. The Council is cherry picking and any supportive evidence for the scheme must be taken with great scepticism.

It is noticeable that this proposal will only negatively affect those living in Canterbury and not surrounding areas who will remain free to drive wherever they wish in their locality or within nearby

villages.

This proposal will create more pollution by diverting traffic and making a potential more than 20 mile roundtrip to reach a supermarket which is half a mile away but is blocked off eg the Sainsburys on Kingsmead Road.

This scheme is completely ill conceived and there are other options to reduce traffic eg a congestion charging zone.

This scheme will negatively impact businesses and the local economy and force businesses to close due to lack of passing trade.

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