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comments on Local Draft: plans for south west Canterbury C6 and C7

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The plans for development here are completely undesirable in my view for the following reasons:

- the loss of much-needed greenfield agricultural land, including orchards
- loss of habitat for wild creatures and a range of different wild plants along the verges
- the loss of a very popular area for dogwalkers and walkers, access via Stuppington Lane or Lime Kiln Road
- the loss of open country views
- the destruction of landscape for future generations

I appreciate that there is provision in the plan for so-called 'green corridors' and for 'recreation' but these do not adequately compensate for the wholesale loss of open land which is agriculturally productive and attractive to walkers.

As the main justification for the development is the provision of housing for those who need it, especially young people wanting to 'get on the property ladder, I think there should be data collected about who in the main purchases the new houses, whether these are genuinely in need of homes or are second-home buyers, landlords, people with no connection to the area.

In my view, Canterbury derives much of its character from easy access near the city centre to open countryside. The plan seems set on changing the city to a small 'historic centre' with sprawling suburbs, rather than a coherent characterful area worthy of its national heritage and World Heritage status, where the architecturally distinctive and varied historic core is the heart of the city's identity, not an islet swallowed up by 21st century estates.

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