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CANTERBURY AREA DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2020-2045 Policy C6 Land at Merton Park

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To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

Dear Policy and Strategy Team,

As a Canterbury resident I wish to express my opposition to the proposed Merton Park development.

The proposed infrastructure upgrades are insufficient for the size of the proposed development. However, even if further upgrades are proposed, I will remain very concerned about the loss of good agricultural land and green space, which the immediate area as well as Kent as a whole, can ill afford to lose. Furthermore:

1. The project will remove a lifeline that was vital to many local people during the Covid-19 lockdowns.
2. I fear the cost to biodiversity cannot be mitigated adequately and there is a high risk of flooding downhill of this development.
3. The additional traffic created, particularly by the proposed football stadium, will destroy the peace that is so valuable in this area.
4. The land and orchards are valuable spaces not only for the food they produce, but also for providing green spaces that benefit both physical and mental health.
5. Why develop land in a county where the population density is already about four times higher than the national average?

Kindly register my opposition to the proposed development on the grounds stated above.

Yours sincerely,

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