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Consultation Comments on Draft Local Plan

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to respond to two aspects of the Draft Local Plan before the deadline this afternoon -

Policy SS4 – Movement and Transportation strategy for the district

I strongly disagree with the idea of dividing Canterbury into 5 “zones” and restricting vehicular traffic from crossing from one zone to another. This seems a very radical solution to traffic management restricting freedom of movement across the city, inhibiting access to supermarkets, hospital care, and local businesses. I live in the St Stephen’s area of Canterbury (no supermarket in this proposed zone, and indeed, no fuel stations! - how do I fill my car with fuel). While I would be able to walk to some nearby supermarkets for smaller shopping loads for larger shopping (for heavy, bulky items) I would envisage driving out to supermarkets in Whitstable rather than walking, or using public transport, to supermarkets in Canterbury in different zones. This would create more pollution and traffic problems elsewhere.

Local residents should have the freedom for drive across the city as required. Surely there are less draconian incentives that can be used to encourage walking/cycling as an alternative rather than, in effect, prohibiting driving in the city.

Policy SS3 - Development Strategy for the district

I am concerned about the strategy to build an average of 1252 homes per year in Canterbury. There are obvious impacts on traffic management but also on the local environment - particularly as regards sewage waste. I understand that some developments have already been held up in the city while effective solutions are found to waste management (without impacting Stodmarsh Nature Reserve and local rivers).

A large increase in the number of homes will require appropriate additional infrastructure (shops, schools, healthcare) and good quality roads (the current road network in the city is already in urgent need of significant investment to repair potholes which seem to reappear very quickly - even after repair. They should be repaired well!).

Please could these comments be fed into the overall response to the Draft Plan.

Many thanks

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