



12th January 2023

Dear Sirs,

**Canterbury City Council
Draft District Local Plan 2045 - Consultation
Chapter 5 Rural Areas**

My wife and I feel that the plan should remove policy R1, relating to developing the land between Adisham and the B2046. We are sure that you will have received many comments from other Adisham residents, who will have referred to the problems associated with the proposed development in regard to its effect on this village and the surrounding area; road system, water supply, sewage removal, loss of prime agricultural land and other infrastructure matters. We would simply like, therefore, to deal with the main overall effect on the village of Adisham.

If the area between Adisham and the B2046 is devoted to the proposed large scale housing development, Adisham will merge with Aylesham and rapidly lose its identity. Policy R20 of the Local Plan stresses "the provision of a country park to maintain the separation between Aylesham and Womenswold", clearly indicating the desirability of such a separation. It is strongly felt in Adisham that it too should have a clear separation from Aylesham.

Why is it so important to keep the identity of Adisham? It is a strong sound community maintained by its residents, it has a countryside location and tranquillity cherished by its long term villagers and sought by those who choose to move into the village. Adisham (originally Ead's Ham, in the time of king Eadbald) is one of the oldest parishes in this part of Kent, having a centuries-long unique history related to its connection to Canterbury Cathedral, together with events in the development of agriculture. We base our objection to the plan, not with a feeling of "not in my backyard", because, as we are both in our nineties, we doubt whether any of these proposals would have a direct personal effect on us. Our thoughts are solely on the future of the village and those who will live here for years to come. Our hope is that the scheme for such a huge housing development for the area would be abandoned, because of the extensive, disadvantageous effects on the village of Adisham, if it is to be swallowed up in the huge 'garden community' and in a short while be forgotten.

Yours faithfully,



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