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Comments relating to the proposed deletion of policy C12 from the Local Plan.

We agree to the above for the following reasons:

1. The overwhelming size of the development would devastate the rural nature of the landscape, destroying viable farmland, ancient woodland and wildlife.
2. Its proximity to the Crab and Winkle Way, which was developed as a peaceful and aesthetic walk and cycle route through picturesque countryside, would completely spoil this much used amenity.
3. It would completely blight the attractive and historic setting of Blean Church.
4. The need to provide access by demolishing Blean Primary School is not a cost effective measure and would remove a valued community asset with a cherished history. It has already been suggested that the cost of relocation of the school is not viable.
5. The potential increase in traffic caused by the proposed development (estimated at between 2000 / 2500 cars) is unthinkable. Heavy traffic is already experienced on the A290 Whitstable / Canterbury Road and Rough Common Road which is now a very busy 'cut through' from the A2050 to the A290 and could not cope with any additional traffic. There is little scope for any road widening schemes to facilitate further increase in the volume of traffic.

All the above comments make the removal of the policy C12 from the Local Plan an essential decision. The same concerns would also apply to any future proposed housing developments in the same location.

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