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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my concern regarding the revised local plan recently published.

While pleased that the proposed 2,000 home Blean development is no longer being considered I am concerned that this has, it seems, resulted in increased pressure now being put on Whitstable for even more development with the addition of two new sites.

Whitstable is already reeling from the amount of development recently experienced and we cannot absorb any further increase in traffic, pressure on local services, (health services in particular), pressure on water supply and sewage treatment, increased flood risk and so on - not to mention the serious loss of green space already experienced, with the revised local plan removing swathes of essential green/open space.

Objections to the Brooklands Farmland proposed development appear not to have been listened to, otherwise why would Brooklands Farm remain in the revised local plan - with the addition of two new additional development sites in Whitstable?!

I think there are other areas of the Canterbury district that could more easily absorb additional housing, which already have the necessary infrastructure and which would not require the loss of essential green space. The character of Whitstable needs to be considered and its character protected. The fact that we are next to the sea means that we are less able to absorb additional development than if we were surrounded by land. The plan needs further review and the new housing developments proposed need to be shared more fairly across the whole district, prioritising brown field sites, also prioritising new developments in areas providing employment rather than in areas such as Whitstable where people are going to more likely need to travel to work - hence putting additional pressure on our roads and transport systems already at breaking point.

I am unconvinced that this level of new housing is necessary; development plans seem to be driven by developer profiteering rather than addressing actual local need and I would welcome evidence for the need for this level of development.

I hope that the above concerns will be addressed in the next iteration of the local plan.

Your sincerely

Karen McKane
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On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 11:42 AM Consultations <Consultations@canterbury.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to inform you that Canterbury City Council has launched a focused consultation on policies within its [new Local Plan](#) in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation is open from **Tuesday 9 September to Tuesday 21 October 2025** and we invite residents, businesses and services to give their feedback which is vital to planning for the district's future.

We are inviting feedback on **four key areas**:

- changes to some of the draft strategic site allocations
- a number of new site allocations
- Gypsy and Traveller draft policies and allocations
- what other changes to the NPPF mean for our district

We are **not** consulting on the whole draft Local Plan all over again.

Every single one of the comments received during the previous consultations will be taken into account as we prepare the final draft version of the Local Plan – known as Regulation 19 – early next year.

You don't need to resubmit comments you've already sent us.

All previous comments will also be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government who will appoint a planning inspector.

You can read the consultation documents and background evidence on our website: haveyoursay.canterbury.gov.uk

You can provide your feedback by:

- completing the online survey: [Draft Canterbury District Local Plan: Focused consultation 2025 | Have Your Say](#)
- emailing your comments to consultations@canterbury.gov.uk
- or writing to Consultations Team, Canterbury City Council, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR.
- If you would like to see what questions you will be asked before you start filling in the survey, you can [see a list of the questions](#).

Hard copies of the consultation documents are available at:

- Canterbury City Council Offices, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR (Mon – Fri: 10 am – 2 pm)
- Whitstable Library, 31 Oxford Street, Whitstable CT5 1DB (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 10 am – 5 pm; Thurs: 10 am – 6 pm; Sat & Sun: 10 am – 4 pm)
- Herne Bay Library, 124 High St, Herne Bay CT6 5JY (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 10 am – 5 pm; Thurs: 10 am – 6 pm; Sat: 10 am – 4 pm)

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- **Phone:** 01227 862 000 (8.45 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday)
- **Write:** Local Plan, Consultations Team, Canterbury City Council, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR.



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