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**Response to the proposed deletion of land north of the University of Kent (Policy C12) from the Local Plan**

Dear Sirs

I would like to begin by thanking the councillors for listening to the people of the Canterbury area (especially the members of the Save the Blean group) and for the removal of the proposal known as C12 from the Local Plan. I totally agree with this decision.

The proposed area is rich in history and biodiversity which includes ancient woodland and hedgerows which would have been destroyed if the development was permitted to go ahead.

I also agree with the technical reasons for the removal of C12 from the Local Plan including the impact on the road network which would not have coped with the increase in traffic.

As a birdwatcher I would have been very concerned with the extra water usage especially the effect on the Sarre Penn, River Stour and Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve as they are already under pressure. The water pressure in Blean drops on a regular basis or the supply is shut off completely (last instance Sunday 12 October).

My view would remain the same if a similar large development proposal was submitted again to the Council as I think that this area should be protected for future generations as it acts as a corridor between the areas of ancient woodland. I would support the development of a biopark.

Yours sincerely

Kieron McDonnell

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