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**Subject: Opposition to Development on the Bread and Cheese Field (Site R5 – Draft Local Plan)**

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Dear Canterbury City Council,

I am writing as a **member of Westbere village** to express my **strong opposition** to the proposal in the Draft Local Plan to allocate the **Bread and Cheese Field (Site R5)** for 150 new houses.

This site should be **removed from the list of potential development areas**, and I wish to outline my reasons:

**1. Preservation of Village Identity:**

The Bread and Cheese Field provides a vital green buffer separating Westbere Village from Hersden Village. Its development would erode the distinct identity of Westbere and go against the Local Plan's aim to protect the individuality of villages and prevent urban sprawl.

**2. Protection of Heritage:**

The field is historically part of Westbere parish and forms an important part of the village's heritage and landscape. It contributes to the rural setting and long-established character of the community, which should be preserved.

**3. Proportionality:**

Westbere village has fewer than 130 homes. Adding 150 new dwellings would more than double the size of the village, which would be entirely disproportionate to its scale, infrastructure, and character.

**4. Infrastructure and Environmental Impact:**

Such a large development would lead to a major population increase, creating heavier traffic and placing additional strain on already-limited local roads. It would also generate more pollution and waste, putting further pressure on the Council's maintenance, waste management, and environmental services.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to **remove the Bread and Cheese Field (R5)** from the Draft Local Plan.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Walton-Fiddes  
Member of Westbere Village