
Local Plan Consultation - Objection to Policy C12

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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in response public consultation on the updated draft Local Plan. Specifically in relation to the following question: Do you have any comments on the proposed deletion of Land north of the University of Kent (Policy C12)? My family and I (residents of Tyler Hill) agree with the revision of the local plan and the deletion on policy C12.

As a resident of Hackington Road it is very clear that the current road network cannot accommodate the addition of 2000 houses in the area. There are regular queues of traffic into Canterbury during rush hour periods already and the roads themselves are in a terrible state of repair. In Tyler Hill we already face issues with the supply of our utilities - for example low water pressure due to demand and lack of water supply. We also have frequent electrical issues and power cuts. We are concerned about an additional 2000 houses exacerbating these issues. Thankfully our daughter has now left school but the cost effectiveness of demolishing Blean Primary school and rebuilding it to accommodate the project just does not make financial sense in a period where we need to be using our financial resources as a nation and county in a responsible way.

Furthermore, and much closer to our hearts, are the destruction of the ancient Blean woodland and surrounding landscape. We choose to specifically move to Tyler Hill because of the wider Blean landscape. With so little woodland remaining and the numerous wildlife it supports we should as a nation be protecting such a valuable resource and promoting its regeneration - not furthering its destruction as Policy C12 will do. The alternative BioPark suggestion has far more merits than a housing estate.

Whilst we appreciate central government's commitment to build more homes and the universities dire state of finances Policy C12 should be deleted from the local plan with alternatives to increase housing where they will not impact such an important natural landscape and further strain the fragile resources of the local community. Our objections above will still apply to future proposals for development in this location.

Kind Regards

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