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I am commenting on the question in Section 4: "Do you have any comments on the proposed deletion of Land north of the University of Kent (Policy C12)?"

Thank you to the Councillors for listening to local residents and proposing that Policy C12 is deleted from the Local Plan 2025: I agree with this proposal wholeheartedly.

My reasons for agreeing to this deletion, is that Policy C12 would have had a devastating impact on local people in Blean, Rough Common, Tyler Hill and surrounding areas. For example the roads could not cope with an additional 2000 (or double) cars - they are already severely crowded, especially at peak times - there is nowhere suitable for access once the estate is built or indeed, during the construction. The problems of additional strain on the sewerage and water systems are would be huge.

The area is an important habitat for numerous species, including the endangered skylark and nightingale. It is also important for having protected ancient woodland and rare chalk streams. The area is also valuable for historical reasons. I cannot see that to demolish Blean School and rebuild it would actually ever get done by a developer and would not be cost-effective.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Report 'Voices of Blean' - a scientific report on the affect of such a large development on local people. See <https://cprekent.org.uk/news/how-is-the-onslaught-of-development-proposals-affecting-local-people/>

Site C12 is totally contrary to the CCC Strategic objectives and against the University Masterplan, which laid out detailed plans for the enhancement of the area to the North of the University and Sarre Penn valley, which it describes as 'a major attraction to students, academic staff and visitors' .

For these and other reasons, I strongly agree with the deletion of Policy C12 from the Local Plan and would object to any future proposal for large scale development on this land for the same reasons.

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