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Dear sir or madam

I am writing to you with regard to the planning for development of houses on the Merton Farm area of Canterbury.

While I am in no way opposed to extra housing I feel that these plans are just too large and go way beyond the limit that this area can cope with. This overdevelopment will be utterly detrimental to the local area and does not leave enough green space.

Please rethink the scale of this development.

We desperately need to have some green space in the Wincheap area for health and well being and also need the biodiversity the orchards bring.

Having looked at the plan I feel that the environment counts for nothing in it, as there is in no way enough green space remaining once the development is done.

Is there any way we can protect some of the area to keep it as green space or perhaps have some of the orchards as a community orchard?

While I do not have children myself, it is always so good seeing kids playing at the basket ball hoops instead of sitting at home their phones. There are always families and dog walkers out walking around the area. Surely there is a desperate need to protect such a space?

Please commit to protecting the playing field and some of the orchards for community and ecological value.

The biodiversity the orchards bring include such a wonderful variety of birds, some of which are quite rare. Orchards create a certain biodiversity that a simple field doesn't so preserving at least some of these irreplaceable orchards, maybe in the form of a community orchard would be wonderful for the area. The narrow green corridor proposed will not compensate for the loss of the orchards. Please carefully consider your ecological responsibility.

Please tell us where we would go and walk locally to maintain health and well being with such beautiful views over our city.

My other big concern is of course traffic.

I really do not understand how on earth there will be access to the area without a massive impact on already congested roads in Wincheap. Hollow Lane, Victoria Road, Heaton

Road are all roads that have enough traffic on them already along with all the other back roads in Wincheap. The increase in traffic that the development will bring is unreasonable and needs to be carefully reconsidered.

Please consider the amount of green space that will be left for the community and ensure it is much more that is in the plans.

Please commit to protecting the playing field and some of the orchards for community and ecological value.

Please consider your ecological responsibility.

Please reconsider the scale of this development or find somewhere else.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Deacon

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