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Subject: Objection to new local plan, policy N18 Land at Sussex Avenue

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Dear Planning Authority of anterbury City Council

Re: Objection to new local plan, policy N18 Land at Sussex Avenue

I am writing to formally object to the proposal within the local plan to remove the Spring Lane Community Centre in order to facilitate the development of 21 new housing dwellings. As a concerned local resident, I believe this development would have significant negative impacts on the community, particularly for children and elderly residents, and I urge the council to reconsider this aspect of the plan. The Spring Lane Community Centre serves as a vital hub for the local area, providing essential services, activities, and social opportunities that foster community cohesion and support vulnerable groups. It hosts youth clubs, educational programs, social events, and support services that are indispensable for children, offering them a safe space for recreation, learning, and personal development. Removing this facility would deprive young people of these resources, potentially leading to increased social isolation, reduced opportunities for positive engagement, and higher risks of anti-social behavior. Equally important, the centre is a lifeline for elderly residents, who rely on it for social interaction, health and wellness activities, and access to community support. In an area where loneliness and limited mobility can be significant challenges for older individuals, the centre provides a welcoming environment that promotes mental and physical well-being. Its loss would exacerbate these issues, leaving many seniors without a nearby venue for essential gatherings and assistance, and placing additional strain on already stretched public services. Community consultation should be broadened to fully capture the views of those affected, and sustainable development principles should guide decisions to balance housing needs with social infrastructure. Thank you for considering this objection. I look forward to your response and would be happy to discuss this matter further or provide additional information.

Yours sincerely,
Arkadiusz Kowalski