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Subject: Draft Canterbury District Local Plan : Focussed Consultation 2025, Former Bygones site, SLA338

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write in respect of SLAA338, the former Bygones yard on the corner of Nackington Road and Merton Lane. The site contains substantial buildings and hard standing.

We ask the council to reconsider its assessment and to include the site for residential development as previously proposed.

We note that Policy N1 – Land at Merton Park - in the focussed consultation document, comprises a substantial strategic site for mixed use development. The content of the development is extensive and set out under the policy. It includes almost 2,000 homes and a wide range of community and support facilities with a sports hub, a community hub, commercial centre, primary school, open space and an access and transport strategy which will significantly improve the connections of the area to other parts of the city to public transport and pedestrian and cycle routes. Adjoining this is a further allocation on the site of the Police headquarters.

This strategic site at Merton Park is within approximately 300 metres of Bygones. There are footways either side of Nackington Road adjacent to the site. There are also bus stops on both sides of Nackington Road giving access by bus to and from the city. The development of Merton Park will bring a wide range of facilities, all of which are required by the policy. The site currently is accessible on foot and by bicycle. Its sustainability credentials will be increased significantly with the development of Merton Park.

This is a brownfield site in a sustainable location. We therefore invite the council to reconsider its position and allocate the site for housing in the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan to be published early in 2026.

Yours faithfully,

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