

Comments for New 2040 Canterbury local Plan

I support the draft local plan and here are some comments for consideration:

Thank you for providing an interactive map although it is rather misleading because it does not show all the existing areas which are already in the plan and are presumably to be built. E.G. Where is the Mountfield Park, four thousand houses still to be built without adequate sewerage and in a water stressed area?

Need for housing?

The birth rate is falling and according to local here say London Boroughs are buying houses on new estates in the Canterbury and Dover Districts as a cheaper more convenient way to house their residents. Can Canterbury please make sure that it is Canterbury residents are able to live in these houses and concentrate on social housing for local people as well as small starter homes to enable youngsters to get on the housing ladder and suitable flats, bungalows and houses for senior citizens.

Water

We live in a water stressed area which will only get worse with climate change. Providing enough water for modern requirements needs to be seriously considered before any further development takes place.

Sewerage

Adequate sewerage for any development is very important and developers must be made to make sure that there is adequate infrastructure before any development at all begins. Either connecting to the existing sewer if it is adequate or providing a treatment plant close to the area to be developed. Tankering away the wastewater and sewage on a daily basis is just simply not an adequate solution and a step back in time.

Roads

Local roads are becoming increasingly busy for example the road which cuts through from the B2046 and goes through Adisham towards Bekesbourne is noticeably busier with Dover district residents using the road as a rat run rather than continuing along the B2046 and getting on to the A2.

I would like to see very safe cycle routes and cycling to be encouraged from the villages into Canterbury and for school children to be encouraged to cycle to school, as well as more people cycling to work. This would go towards a healthier population, more confident self reliant children and reducing the number of cars on the road.

Small hopper buses to the villages would also be a useful addition for those unable to cycle and to take cars off the road. This would have to be affordable and frequent to encourage use of public transport.

Environment

All new builds to have solar on roof tops, with no excuses not to from developers.

C17

The area which is C17 that was to be a “winery” should remain as farm land. It’s in and AONB/National landscape. Any further plans for C17 should be scrapped and the land should be farmed and kept as part of the National Landscape.

Food Security

Although the City Council has a duty to provide more homes in the district I think it important to remember that the areas which are currently being farmed but possibly being taken out of food production makes it more difficult for the country to provide enough food for the nation in times of crisis. This appears to have been forgotten by the current and previous Government.

Thank you for taking the time to read my response. I hope it is of some help.

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