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Dear Sirs

C12=Response to the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan 2040 Focused Consultation (Reg 18).

I was pleased to read in the latest Draft that the Council have listened to the views of local people re. section C12 (Land north of the University of Kent) and that the Council now consider that site to be unsuitable for allocation. I am particularly pleased that Brownfield Sites have been identified and included in the latest Draft plan. This means that agricultural land and ancient woodlands as found in land North of The University of Kent are preserved for food security and allows the environment to flourish. I totally agree with the removal of C12 from the local plan.

I responded in full to the Draft Local Plan 2040 in June 2024 and I welcome my views expressed there to be taken into consideration when assessing the latest plan .

I am extremely concerned that the University has written to Save The Blean making it clear that they still feel that Canterbury needs houses on the land they own. The 2000 houses which were planned for this area have now been allocated to alternative sites and therefore I cannot see how the University can put forward such a huge development in light of the new revised local plan.

My original objections also apply to any future proposals for such a large development on the Land North of the University of Kent.

My objections remain the same as in my original response:

- Destruction of ancient woodlands and animal habitats.
- I strongly object to building on agricultural land. We need food.
- Destruction of nature in the broadest term
- Will cut right across connectivity of The Blean and ruin it.
- Lack of accessibility to the site. Primary access is through a Conservation Area.
- Impact of huge numbers of vehicles on local roads and an infrastructure which never envisaged such a development and would not cope .
- Construction traffic over a large number of years on Rough Common Road which has a weight limit and bottle neck areas where houses are very close to the road.
- Demolition of a Primary School to make an access route. Disruption to education over a number of years. Unacceptable.
- There would be a huge impact upon hospital, doctor and dental services which are already struggling to cope with the number of patients. There has been a significant increase in the number of houses developed in the area and no new hospital is planned or has been built to cope with that increase, another 2000 houses will overload the services further. I dread the thought of needing medical help now let alone if a huge development takes place.

The above objections are some of the main reasons why any applications for any major development on the Land North of the University of Kent (C12) should be refused by CCC.

Yours Faithfully

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