

Dear Sir or Madam.

My husband and I have lived at the above address for forty years, our two children attended Wincheap Primary School and we both taught at local secondary schools. The proximity of green space up at the Wincheap Orchards has been very important to us as a family and continues to be so. We have enjoyed nature walks with our children and grandchildren, picking blackberries and walking family dogs throughout the last 40 years. We are very concerned at the proposed change of land use to build 2,000 houses on this precious green field site. The loss of access to fields, orchards, exercise area, country walks etc is, in itself, very disturbing at a time when the physical and mental benefits of open air, green space etc are proven.

However there are wider issues which also need to be addressed. My main concern is access which seems to be overlooked in the proposed development. The likelihood of massively increased traffic on narrow and already busy roads is very worrying. Children walking to and from school are at especial risk.

Another concern is the threat to wild life. A

diverse habitat of fields and trees has resulted in a plethora of wildlife - especially birds - and once lost can never be replaced.

I do not object to new housing per se but in this instance I would urge you to examine this proposal very carefully and consider whether the so-called advantages of 2,000 new houses in this part of Canterbury are outweighed by the significant drawbacks, problems and disadvantages.

Thank you for your consideration

