



19 October, 2025

Canterbury City Council,
Consultation Team,
14 Rose Lane,
Canterbury, Kent.
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Dear Sirs,

CANTERBURY LOCAL PLAN 2025
THE ORCHARDS / MERTON PARK

We are writing to you to give our views and objections to the proposed development.

1. Hollow Lane was originally an ancient pathway walked and hollowed out over hundreds of years. It is a narrow lane which already has problems with traffic and limited passing of large vehicles. The primary school entrance is partly on Hollow Lane and also Hollowmede and therefore both roads are unsuitable for an increase in traffic. Victoria Road and all roads in the area have on street parking and Emergency vehicles have difficulty passing through.
2. There are already problems with sewerage leaking from pipes along the side of Hollow Lane and the system could not cope with any further use.
3. All footpaths in the areas are used regularly by dogwalkers, school children and workers. The agricultural fields and orchards are important not only for their use for grazing and food production but as open green spaces for people to walk and enjoy. The orchards provide a haven for wildlife, some of which are endangered and protected by law. The trees provide clean air which greatly help to avoid air pollution in built up areas. The orchards and hedgerows not only support wildlife they help to prevent flooding and run off to roads and properties.

The views, from the top of these fields and orchards, looking towards the city and the Cathedral are of historic importance and should be protected from development.

Canterbury is a city of national importance and the surrounding areas should be protected from development on such a grand scale – any change of use would irreversibly change the landscape forever to the detriment of future generations.

Yours faithfully,

