



Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation.

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Dear Sirs,

I am concerned with the East Canterbury Strategic Development Area, specifically C15, C16 and C17, on greenfield sites between Canterbury and Littlebourne. Together these sites are proposed to provide 2,514 houses.

1. **Development on greenfield sites** should be resisted. There are brownfield sites within the District more suitable for development.
2. **Traffic.** This number of dwellings will generate thousands more vehicle movements a day. The A257 is a relatively narrow A road, often without opportunities to overtake. There are already queues to get in and out of Canterbury at busy times of day. In Littlebourne the road passes between traffic calming measures and listed buildings and there are no opportunities to widen it, even if that were desired, (which it is not). There will also be problems in the neighbouring conservation villages, such as Fordwich, Wickhambreaux and Ickham as drivers create 'rat runs' to avoid the A257 through Littlebourne

The plans propose increased use of Bokesbourne Lane. This is exactly as described in its name, a country lane. It is quite unsuited to heavy traffic. The roadside verges are already chewed up by vehicles trying to pass when travelling in opposite directions. There are few places with the visibility for safe overtaking and a dangerous junction with the A257. Surrounded by listed buildings, it is acknowledged by planners that no improvement in Littlebourne is possible. To suggest it as a suitable route for many more vehicles is just foolish.

3. **Waste Water Issues.** The current waste water treatment plants are not able to cope with the existing population, hence the tankering that goes on in Littlebourne, and there are no plans to upgrade in the foreseeable future. There is not the infrastructure to deal with the waste water from developments of this size. So the suggestion is to build on-site regulated waste water treatment facilities. This is supposed to mitigate impacts on Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve, an internationally important site, in nearby Wickhambreaux Parish.

These on- site wastewater treatment plants are notoriously unreliable, and I believe it is proposed to give the contract to Severn Trent, who have the worst reputation of all the water companies in this regard.

Water companies in Kent already have difficulty in supplying drinking water to homes.

It is obvious that the East Canterbury Strategic Development Area is a hastily and ill-thought out addition to the Local Plan, suggested when plans for development near the university were abandoned.

I wish to object to this part of the Local Plan for the reasons outlined above and ask that this aspect of the plan is re-examined.

Yours faithfully,

Christine Le Jeune (Mrs)

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