
Representation as part of the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan consultation (2026): Merton Park proposal- Policy C10

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Dear Sir/Madam,,

I am a local resident living near to the location of the proposed housing development.

I write to inform you that in my opinion the local plan is not sound.

Specifically, I am concerned that the plan to carry out large scale housing development in the area identified does not sufficiently consider the infrastructure constraints that exist.

These relate to road capacity and drinking water.

Road capacity

Car drivers living on the new development will be routed along Hollow Lane to reach Canterbury. The lane is too narrow for such a size of development and the increased traffic will be to the detriment of existing local residents. Many of their properties border directly onto the road.

The Plan doesn't identify a route for construction traffic. It is therefore likely to be routed through Hollow Lane and Homersham, again to the detriment of existing residents.

Drinking water

South East Water has stated that it is unable to accommodate any significant rise in demand for drinking water in the Canterbury area until it has built its new reservoir at Broad Oak. It estimates it will be completed in 2036. However, the proposal is for occupation of houses at Merton Park to start in 2030.

Yours faithfully,

Jeremy Curtis

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