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Good Morning

I am taking time out my day to message you to address the unsound and legally non compliant plans to create the Merton Park development by Wincheap orchards. It is an example of Kentish beauty that should be protected.

The traffic will be terrible and your bus led strategy is a joke no one will use buses and junction 7 will be constantly congested. Your own Draft Transport Strategy admits it. You do not have a Statement of Common Ground with National Highways accepting this traffic chaos. Without this, the plan is legally non-compliant.

Honestly Canterbury looks like a dump of empty run down- possible brown field sites you could be using yet you would prefer to tear up beauty spots such as the orchards. So your plans for the orchards and fields are not justified.

The plans also fail Legal Compliance" & National Policy in regards to being ecologically responsible. Stodmarsh nature reserve is failing due to water pollution. We cannot afford another 1,950 homes as well as the others built on the other side of the m2 junction to make this worse. Sewage seeping into our natural areas is already a massive problem that cannot be overlooked. You admit under the March 2026 Habitats Regulations report (Para 5.5.22) that you are "uncertain" of the environmental mitigation for these 1,950 homes.

The plan is Unsound and Legally Non-Compliant based on Transport, Brownfield, and Habitats Regulations failures and must be prevented. I wish to participate in the oral examination hearings.

Regards,
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