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Good morning

Re: Draft Canterbury District Local Plan (Merton Park)

We would hereby like to object to these plans on the grounds that the plans are flawed for the following reasons:

1. Traffic congestion (Fails the Duty to Cooperate and Effective tests)

We understand that there will no longer be a relief road for a bus-led strategy, resulting in unacceptable congestion at the A2/A28 Wincheap interchange and M2 J7. We also understand that the council does not have a signed legal agreement (Statement of Common Ground) with National Highways agreeing to the level of traffic congestion which will ensue if these building plans go ahead, making the plans not compliant legally.

2. Ignoring brownfield sites (Fails the Justified test)

There are other brownfield sites which ought to be used before destroying historic green spaces around the city, such as the eye sore that Debenhams has become.

3. The Ecological question (Fails Legal Compliance and National Policy)

The Stodmarsh nature reserve is failing because of water pollution. the Council's Habitats Regulations report of March 2026 admits that you are uncertain that the environmental impact of the proposed 1950 new homes can be mitigated successfully. Our understanding is that the law prohibits approval of a plan if you are uncertain of the environmental impact.

We therefore wish to object to the Plan on the grounds that it is unsound and legally non-compliant based on Transport, Brownfield and Habitats Regulations failures. We wish to participate in the oral examination hearings.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards

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