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I am writing to object to prospect of building Merton Park over Wincheap Orchards, part of the Draft Canterbury Local Plan . Wincheap Orchards is a beautiful landscape, beloved and used by the people of Wincheap - and once it's gone, it's gone. The air pollution in Wincheap is already atrocious , and the addition of nearly 2000 home would worsen the already heavy traffic on the A2 /A28 interchange, and the M2 J7, and there is no signed legal agreement (Statement of Common Ground) with National Highways. (And as the Canterbury Society has pointed out, the future of transport in Canterbury has simply not been thought through.) Moreover, the plan ignores the chance to regenerate Canterbury's Wincheap Industrial Estate and vacant student housing . And it is not clear that the environmental damage inflicted by these 1,950 homes can be mitigated.

This plan is unsound and legally non-compliant because of its Transport, Brownfield and Habitats Regulation failures. I urge Canterbury City Council to drop it.

I wish to participate in the oral examination hearings.

Yours sincerely

Professor Janet Montefiore

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