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To: Consultations
Subject: My Representations and Objections to Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19, Policy C10 relating to the Merton Park Development) consultation

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I object to the Regulation 19 Local Plan proposals relating to the Merton Park development (Policy C10) because I do not believe the proposal is sound, justified, or capable of being delivered sustainably.

My main concern is that the scale of development proposed for Merton Park does not properly take account of the serious infrastructure constraints that already exist in the area. The local road network, especially Hollow Lane and surrounding residential streets, is completely unsuitable for a development of this size. Hollow Lane is narrow, heavily used, and bordered closely by homes in many places. Increased traffic, construction vehicles, and potential “rat running” between Hollow Lane and Nackington Road would have a major negative effect on existing residents and road safety.

I am also concerned that the assumptions being made about residents walking, cycling, and using public transport are unrealistic. In practice, this development is likely to create a heavily car-dependent community, resulting in congestion, pollution, and further pressure on local roads. The Local Plan does not provide enough certainty about how or when road improvements and transport infrastructure would actually be delivered.

The proposal also raises major concerns regarding water supply and sewage infrastructure. South East Water has already warned that existing and planned infrastructure will not be able to support the level of growth proposed within the plan period. The expected occupation dates for Merton Park appear to come years before the planned reservoir infrastructure is due to be completed. I do not understand how such a large development can be considered deliverable if basic water supply cannot be guaranteed.

Sewage and wastewater management are very concerning. There are already frequent sewage discharges into the River Stour, and I have seen no convincing evidence that the existing network can cope with thousands of additional homes. The current infrastructure is at breaking point and the proposed wastewater treatment arrangements appear vague and uncertain, and I do not believe the environmental impacts have been properly addressed.

The site is also valuable for wildlife, biodiversity, recreation, and public wellbeing. Local people use these fields, orchards, and footpaths regularly for walking, exercise, and access to nature. The loss of this open space would have a significant negative impact on the wellbeing of the local community. I am not convinced that the biodiversity impacts have been properly assessed, nor that meaningful biodiversity net gain will actually be delivered.

I am also concerned about air quality and pollution. Existing air pollution levels in the Wincheap area are already poor, and adding significant extra traffic is likely to worsen the situation. The available evidence and monitoring appear incomplete and insufficient.

Finally, I do not believe the consultation process has been adequate. Many residents only became aware of these proposals through local community groups rather than direct communication from the council. I also do not believe the council has properly addressed or responded transparently to the concerns raised by residents during earlier consultations.

For all of these reasons, I believe the Merton Park allocation under Policy C10 is unsound and inconsistent with national planning policy. I therefore object to its inclusion in the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

Yours sincerely
Kalyani Bryant

On 11 May 2026, at 12:35, Consultations
<Consultations@canterbury.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We are writing to remind you that Canterbury City Council has published the Canterbury District Local Plan ([available here](#)) for consultation, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation is open **until 5pm on Monday 18 May 2026**.

The Habitats Regulations Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Local Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal of the Strategic Land Availability Assessment have also been published as part of this consultation, along with the [Draft Canterbury District Transport Strategy](#).

At Regulation 19 stage, the Local Plan is published for representations on its soundness and legal compliance.

All comments received at this stage will be passed directly to the Planning Inspector who will then consider whether any changes are needed.

Guidance for making representations

We have produced some guidance to explain how this is different to previous consultations under Regulation 18 stage, and to help you make your points clear for the Planning Inspector.

You can view the [Statement of the Representations Procedure](#) and [full guidance](#) on how to submit your representation.

You can read the consultation documents and background evidence on our website: haveyoursay.canterbury.gov.uk

How to take part

You can provide your representations by:

- completing the online survey on the [consultation page](#)
- emailing your comments to consultations@canterbury.gov.uk
- or writing to Policy Team, Canterbury City Council, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR

If you would prefer to email or write in with your representations, please read [our guidance](#) first as this sets out what the Planning Inspector will be looking for.

If you would like to see what questions you will be asked before you start filling in the survey, you can [view them here](#).

Where to view printed copies of the local plan and evidence

Printed copies of the Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19) and the supporting and technical evidence documents are also available to view at the following locations:

- **Canterbury City Council Offices**, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR (Mon – Fri: 10 am – 2 pm)
- **Whitstable Library**, 31 Oxford Street, Whitstable CT5 1DB (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 10 am – 5 pm; Thurs: 10 am – 6 pm; Sat & Sun: 10 am – 4 pm)
- **Herne Bay Library**, 124 High St, Herne Bay CT6 5JY (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 10 am – 5 pm; Thurs: 10 am – 6 pm; Sat: 10 am – 4 pm)

All comments must be received by **5pm on Monday 18 May 2026**.

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- **Email:** consultations@canterbury.gov.uk
- **Phone:** 01227 862 000 (8.45 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday)
- **Write:** Local Plan, Consultations Team, Canterbury City Council, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR

Yours faithfully,
The Consultations Team
Canterbury City Council



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