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To: Consultations
Subject: Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19) Consultation - Objection

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Dear Sir /Madam,

I write to object to the Regulation 19 Canterbury District Local Plan. My reasons are detailed below:

A) The scale of housing growth (23000) is disproportionate to local need and risks speculative development.

Most housing in the recent developments in Herne Bay, Whitstable Heights, Greenhill and those near the new Herne Bay crematorium are larger 4 bedroom houses rather than 2 bedroom starter homes really needed for local people. These larger houses are mainly purchased by people from outside the area and local people will still struggle to find affordable housing.

B) Water supply issues. We already have frequent hosepipe bans and breakdowns in the existing supply infrastructure which results in people having to que for bottled water. South East Water say themselves they will struggle to meet the needs of additional housing. In my view until the proposed Broad Oak reservoir is completed no further major developments should be permitted.

C) Greater sewerage discharge and the negative impact on coastal areas. The discharges at Swalecliffe are already a major issue and proposed additional housing can only exacerbate the problem impacting bathers and local fishery businesses.

D) Traffic considerations. Local roads are already seeing unprecedented increases in traffic volumes and the additional housing proposed would only exacerbate the problem. The Chestfield roundabouts coupled with the Swalecliffe railway bridge already cause major issues at peak times. The local road system simply cannot cope and surely this is obvious to all.

Also the key artery roads such as the M2 are seeing massively increased volumes of traffic with increased journey times. With the volumes of lorries coming from the Dover port and Eurotunnel joining at Brenley Corner the M2 needs to be updated to three lanes.

E) Loss of green spaces and fertile farm land. Already the north Kent coast resembles South London with the unprecedented housing increases over the last few years. The plan for even more housing concentrated in this area will only make matters worse.

F) Health infrastructure. It's already nearly impossible to get a doctors appointment in the North Kent coastal towns of Whitstable and Herne Bay and there are practically no NHS dentists in the area who are taking new patients. The addition of 23000 houses heavily concentrated in this area will make the situation worse.

For the reasons outlined, I respectfully urge the Planning Inspector to reject the current plan. No one minds thirty to fifty new house attached to each village but the mega developments such as those proposed at Blean and Brooklands Farm are beyond the pale and blight the lives of existing residents.

Yours faithfully
Neil Martin