
Local plan

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Dear sirs/ madams,

I think that the local plan is not a local plan.

House prices in the area haven't actually risen since Covid . There is no need for all these houses in the local area. The narrative before the general election was that we needed houses to anticipate a huge number of people to come to the UK. Canterbury was thus part of a national housing strategy where if we didn't agree to all these houses they would build them anyway. In reality the numbers coming to the uk are smaller, and the people leaving are larger.

The labour government said that their housing plan would prioritise grey fields, that it didn't mean paving over green fields.

What we have seen is the most aggressive takeover of the garden of Kent since Victorian times... which was a time when we had a booming population.

The local plan needs to be thrown out in its entirety. How dare they pave over Canterbury in every direction? How dare they not consider regeneration of areas like wincheap industrial centre? How very dare they leave us without an accident and emergency centre even in plan?!

Who is this agenda for? Why is it that when Blean protests, full of very smart middle class people , and suggests a 'bio park' (by the way I came up with that word while riffing with my other middle class friends about saving the Blean), the working class people of wincheap are expected to be more pliable?

The local plan is a con and a fix up to suit developers, and additionally it's meaningless, and those looking to curry favour with a weak government. . Even if we approve the wincheap orchard development, the university of Kent will press on to try to pave over more.

The local plan needs to be torn up and thrown out at source . Bring in services to Canterbury first , I including an accident and emergency. Redevelop brownfields first . This was all in the labour manifesto. Until this happens expect people to lie in front of bulldozers and make it as uncomfortable and expensive as we can. The speculators will be grateful as housing prices in Canterbury are going down.

Thanks .
James