



Fwd: Local Plan discussion in Canterbury Forum

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From: CCC Planning <planning@canterbury.gov.uk>

Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2021 at 15:22

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Regards,

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From: Canterbury Forum [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2021 at 14:54

Subject: Local Plan discussion in Canterbury Forum

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Cc: Jean Butcher [REDACTED]

Dear Simon and CCC Planning

The Canterbury Forum meeting on 17 June, attended on-line by Councillors for the Canterbury city wards and by 34 members of the public, was devoted to the discussion of the Canterbury District Local Plan Draft Vision and Options. The aim of the meeting was not to agree on a response to the consultation, but to assist participants in making their own submissions, and we have encouraged them to do so.

In the discussion at the meeting, a lot of questions were raised about the Preferred Growth Option, and there was a general view that a lot more information is needed, such as

- What the routes of the proposed by-passes would be.
- What the evidence is for the likely traffic consequences of the various options.
- A serious assessment of the time sequence – how could the proposed creation of two new by-passes be properly planned if it is dependent on funding from developers which would only become available at a late stage in the process?
- Proper costings are needed.
- A demographic analysis is needed to identify effectively what the housing needs of the district really are.

It would be much appreciated if such information could be publicly shared as work on the Local Plan progresses.

One of the other topics which generated a lot of discussion was the issue of affordable housing. There was a generally shared view that further work on the Local Plan needs to pay much more attention to the issue of affordability, looking not just at the provision of affordable housing according to the MHCLG definition, but at how the Local Plan can increase the amount of housing which is genuinely affordable for local people. In particular, the lack of reference to social housing in the Draft Vision and Options was felt to be a serious omission.

We would be very happy to share, at future meetings of the Canterbury Forum, further work and information from you on these and any other matters relating to the development of the Local Plan.

With best wishes

Richard Norman
Secretary, Canterbury Forum Working Group

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