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Dear Mr Gambrill

Local Plan 2040

I am writing to express my concern at the proposal to build up to 17,000 new homes in Canterbury and at the relationship between this and the future of transport in and around the city. It is obvious that new build on this scale will lead to a considerable increase in the number of private cars and that this in itself is likely to increase the carbon emission and air quality problems in Canterbury. In addition, as is well established, building new roads as proposed in the Plan leads to an increase in traffic. Of course measures can and must be taken to reduce city centre use of cars but I can see nothing in the proposals that will decrease the overall flow of traffic. In the Transport Modelling Report I note the Summary in the Conclusion where it is stated that 'when one issue in the network is resolved by implementing one measure, it would consequently free up some suppressed traffic that in turn causes other problems elsewhere in the network.' I note also the comment that 'New Park and Ride locations around the City Centre help to reduce traffic issues is limited – due to very high existing traffic volumes'.

I have looked particularly at the proposal for a new northern Park and Ride. The exact location for it seems clouded in mystery. I have seen it described as being on Wingate Hill, elsewhere as being at Hall Place (and if the new bypass ends at Hall Place as some of the maps suggest this would be the obvious location for it) and perhaps at Faulkners Lane. It is difficult to comment on proposals which themselves are uncertain but if the new bypass does end at Hall Place I cannot see motorists who have used the bypass then turning away from Canterbury towards Wingate Hill to reach a Park and Ride.

I hope you can take these comments into consideration in the process of drawing up the Plan. I believe it is a fundamental error to consider expanding the size of Canterbury on the scale proposed.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Cunningham