

## Fwd: Proposed Aylesham Village further expansion

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To: Michael Bailey [REDACTED]

Regards,

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It has come to our notice that Canterbury City Council, together with Dover District Council are proposing the further development of Aylesham, with the intention of using the income from this development to fund a new Canterbury ring road. This in itself leaves us puzzled, as surely the M2/A2 achieve this goal, enabling traffic to reach other areas and avoiding Canterbury altogether. It also raises the question of why this proposed ring road becomes a City Council objective and not part of Kent County Council, Highways Department, road infrastructure.

We therefore are writing to register our objections to this proposed expansion on the following grounds:

- 1) Developers are already doubling the size of Aylesham and if this proposal is approved it will double the size again. We are strongly opposed to the erosion of our rural communities and the massive loss of countryside, including ancient woodlands. We note that this latest proposal would extend the Aylesham housing right up to an area of outstanding natural beauty and encourage urban sprawl which will impact on all local villages.
- 2) Local roads and services are unsuitable to support such a massive development and indeed it is far larger than the proposal put forward by central government and will undoubtedly over populate and urbanise this beautiful, substantially rural area of East Kent.
- 3) Currently there has been minimal infrastructure enhancements around Aylesham and the inevitable huge rise in vehicles would undermine the aims of Central Government to reduce vehicles on our roads and would also substantially increase pollution.
- 4) Brexit and the pandemic have highlighted the fact that we need to encourage more internal food production and avoid extended food miles, surely we need to incentivise our farming communities to be more productive. Utilising great swathes of countryside for housing may be of more financial benefit to Developers than utilising brownfield sites, but in the long term will destroy not only farming in the UK, but the UK itself.

We therefore reiterate our objections to this latest proposed expansion.

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