

## Fwd: Opinion on New Local Plan 2040

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Dear Whomever it May Concern,

As a resident of Canterbury born and raised, I must share my views on the plan to create a bypass through Duke's Meadow.

Duke's Meadow is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful spots in our city. It holds a lot of many fond memories for not only myself but for many generations past and present. No matter the season, the meadow always highlights the beauty of the nature it holds. This is before mentioning the view of our city which encompasses so much history and culture; a fundamental of pride for our city.

My own personal memories of the meadow are held incredibly dear; whether that be walking home through the meadow on Saturday afternoons, cycling with my friends to Brownie meetings at St. Micheal's Church, or having a picnic with my classmates to celebrate the end of school.

To go forward with the bypass would insult such a cherished meadow. With the experience of multiple lockdowns, we now appreciate more so the freedom that places such as Duke's Meadow give us; the power they have to benefit our mental health by providing a space to clear our heads. Instead of encouraging cars to pollute the planet by creating the bypass, councils and government should be encouraging the use of public transport. They should be using their time and effort to be seeking methods to improve climate change. For, if we do not change, by 2040 the planet could look a lot worse than it already does with the damage we have caused.

Please consider mine and many other's voice who share the same stance on our beloved meadow. It would be unforgivable to ruin such a gorgeous landscape that I one day hope to share with my own children.

Best wishes,  
Emily Hopper