

Comments on draft local plan for 2040 - Western bypass

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Good evening,

I have been reading through all the draft options for the Canterbury local plan for 2040. I appreciate the urgent need to reduce the congestion and pollution through the city centre on the ring road but am concerned by the proposed 'western bypass' through from Harbledown to Whitstable Road as I fear this would greatly impact upon the biodiversity and quality of life in this area of the city.

The plan emphasises the overall need for improved walking and cycling routes but the Duke's Meadow does currently provide a peaceful route for both pedestrians and cyclists down through to the city centre and I fear this would be destroyed by a 40mph road going through the top of the meadow through to Giles Lane.

Giles Lane is a narrow road which is already tight turning going into the road and often difficult to pass other cars as it is and I do not see how a new fast flowing through road would safely feed through to this current road.

I appreciate that there are many complex issues involved in planning the bypasses and the need for them but I wonder if there is an alternative route that wouldn't damage this existing green space. Could the current path on the right hand side of the meadow be enlarged to make it easier for more pedestrians and cyclists to use it and more residents be encouraged to use this less polluted route down to the centre?

Thank-you for taking the time to read my comments.

Yours sincerely,

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