

Fwd: LOCAL PLAN OBJECTION

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9 August 2021 at 07:58

To: Michael Bailey [REDACTED]

Regards,

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From: **sacha davies** [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2021 at 22:37
Subject: LOCAL PLAN OBJECTION
To: <planning@canterbury.gov.uk>

Dear Sirs,

I have tried to navigate your site for 'Comments on the local Canterbury plan' but am finding it very difficult. I would like to register my comments on

- a. the system you have set up for comment
- b. the proposed locations for housing development

a. We have tried to navigate and comment on your system you have set up for the city council consultation but find myself being taken down rabbit holes of closed questions of questionnaires. Ostensibly I agree that we should have a sustainable, environmentally friendly approach to housing development that supports potential growth of jobs in canterbury however I disagree that any of those points are met with the proposed disproportionate number of houses that you have proposed for the Aylesham site, that extends, as you well know, from a similar proposal of houses on the Dover side of the site. I disagree that proposing such a huge number of houses next to a council border will have, therefore, less available number of canterbury residents (obviously only one side of the site) from whom you need to answer to. Clearly cross border discussions have already happened. I am saddened by this undemocratic process, the difficulty in accessing and making sense of the consultation and disempowerment of the local rural community to whom such a development will benefit least.

b. We object most strongly and emphatically to the proposal to build another 17,000 houses especially as I understand you are only required to find 9,000. I particularly object to the 'called for' site that seeks to join Womenswold with Aylesham and create a huge urban sprawl on green fields and by an AONB.

As part of a family of farmers we have worked hard over the years to maintain our areas of woodland that borders to this site, our area of AONB while farming the land in an effort to produce food for the nation. In recent years we have embraced the need to change our farming techniques and focus on soil quality, carbon footprint, nitrogen usage and regenerative farming techniques and more. So the scrubbing up and development of top grade agricultural fields next to our farm, the destruction of ancient woodlands, the untold environmental impact of the doubling (if not trebling) of Aylesham, the impact on our already stressed infrastructure of roads (snowdon road is single pass in many places and is not coping with the increase in cars from the development at aylesham that has already happened) schools, the impact of increased nitrates on the Stodmarsh catchment areas, the impact of an urban sprawl on our beautiful village of Womenswold and more is unnecessary.

I strongly object to any notion that the increase in the number of proposed houses to 17,000 (and increase in money to the council) by 2040 and the creation of an urban sprawl from Aylesham to Womenswold in anyway is justified in order to make road changes around Canterbury.

Please think again.

Regards

Sacha and Michael Davies

