



Fwd: Draft Local Plan

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From: **Ian Startup** 
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Hi there

I have just been completing my response to the options in the draft local plan consultation and got to the end of the first section (Draft Vision and Growth Options), then clicked on the "Next" button and got taken to a completely different section of the website. I have no idea whether everything I wrote was submitted to you or not.

Having spent a while on this already, I do not wish to go through writing it all again, particularly if the same thing is likely to happen at the end again.

Can you confirm whether you did receive my comments or not please ? In brief, I was strongly against the preferred option and also Canterbury Focus B, but found the other options more acceptable, subject to certain factors. I am certainly against the proposed western bypass, as it will cost a fortune and there is no need for this road (it will not help the existing traffic problems in the city centre and the existing Rough Common Road is mostly adequate for current traffic). It will also result in the loss of much needed open space in Duke's Meadow, which is used by a lot of people for recreation purposes. The bypass will only result in moving the junctions a hundred yards or so from the existing ones and, eg, when the traffic gets to Giles Lane, where is it supposed to go then ? Any new road will only result in subsequent planning applications for infill development close to the bypass, resulting in complete loss of the open space that currently exists. Definitely not !

I also question the "reallocation of space on the ring road" mentioned in, eg, Canterbury Focus A. You cannot do this without creating a viable alternative for car traffic. I regularly have to take my wife to the hospital on the other side of town for treatment. Walking, cycling, e-scootering and bus transport are all not an option.

Ian Startup

