

## Fwd: Aylesham South expansion proposal

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Regards,

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Subject: Aylesham South expansion proposal

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## Re: SLAA180 - Aylesham South - expansion of Aylesham to to villages of Snowdown and Womenswold across the Dover and Canterbury district boundaries

We are writing to oppose the Local Plan for 17,000 homes in Canterbury along with the housing proposal SLAA180 Aylesham South which is detailed within the Local Plan 2040 under 'summer 2020 sites'.

We live Woolage Village near to Snowdown and in the Womenswold parish. We moved to this rural area as we are passionate about nature and we wanted to be in the heart of the countryside. This development proposal will impact on wildlife in this development area and also the surrounding areas. This development is on the boundary of the Kent Downs, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Our Kent countryside can never be replaced, Kent is a biodiversity-rich county, home to numerous endangered species. We walk and cycle both in the proposal area and surrounding areas and there is much wildlife that live and hunts - including bats, dormice (which are both protected) common buzzard, little owls, barn owls, common lizard, slow worms and many species of birds and insects. We have reported a possible sighting of a white tailed eagle near our house, this is a rich habitat that encourages diverse wildlife. In the wild areas near to our house, we have seen wild orchids which are protected under Section 13 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).

Village life is precious. Currently we live in an area with small close knit communities. We fear that this development will create a suburban sprawl, destroying our precious communities with a large conurbation. This completely changes the nature of our village life and impacts not only on Snowdown and Womenswold but also the neighbouring villages.

Aylesham has good road infrastructure which of course will be a focus of any development, however at least a five mile radius around this area is surrounded by small villages where the road infrastructure has been built for small volumes of traffic, with many of the roads being one track roads which currently have low volume of traffic. A development will impact on both Dover and Canterbury villages in terms of quality of life, safety on the road and road maintenance.

9,000 new homes in Canterbury is realistic and this amount is clearly supported by the government, as this was the target. To double the housing in Canterbury to 17,000 is completely unreasonable and in doing so rural life, close knit communities and the Kent countryside will be decimated.

In conclusion, We object to the increased housing of 17,000 from 9,000, the proposal for Aylesham and we insist that a full environmental study is completed for this proposal, in consultation with English Nature and Kent Wildlife Trust.

Yours sincerely

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