

Fwd: Local Plan Options Consultation

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Regards,

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Dear Canterbury Planning Team

LOCAL PLAN OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The local plan will be discussed next week with major decisions to be made regarding this area of Kent. The impact on the people will be considerable.

The enormous number of houses above the government proposals plus the excessive traffic created by too much housing will destroy the magnificent medieval city of Canterbury. Research has shown that more roads create more traffic. The Western Bypass will not only cut through very precious Green Belt, but is a road to nowhere.

The Local Plan rightly discusses improving peoples health, biodiversity and open spaces- 'to protect and enhance our valued landscapes for future generations' -but the draft plan contradicts all these statements.

The wedge of Green Belt between Canterbury, Harbledown and Rough Common offers the large residential population a space for recreation. Hundreds of people walk through these meadows, use the cycle track, picnic, play football and fly kites on a daily basis.

During the covid pandemic this area has been a lifeline to escape our houses and improve our health.

Pollution from cars will be detrimental to all in the area. Severe climate implications need to be considered, as well as the impact on respiratory health of those in the local area. There is a very good link road through Rough Common from the traffic lights on the A2050 to the Whitstable Road. This is near the proposed Western Bypass, making a new road pointless.

The covid pandemic has changed the way people work. There will be less

need for this road as fewer cars will be used daily as many people will continue to work from home.

If a Western Bypass connects with Giles Lane it will create a very dangerous junction as the Whitstable Road bends here. Many children walk this way to Blean School, Kent College and St Edmund's School and this road will be an added hazard to all people walking in this area.

Neals Meadow and Dukes Meadow are used by children walking to the above three schools as a safe route to avoid the Whitstable Road and the pollution from cars.

The successful Neals Place cycle route keeps the bicycles off the Rough Common Road, making it safer for them and allowing greater capacity for cars on the road from the A2050 through Rough Common.

The views across the city of Canterbury, a World Heritage Site, from the Neals Place area will be spoilt forever by this bypass. The interlinking pathways are a treasure to be preserved.

On the basis of the above, I do not believe the Western Bypass should go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Lorraine Millest.

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