

## Growth Options

I wish to register my objection to both preferred Canterbury Focus options A & B.

Canterbury is at saturation point.

Canterbury is a historic site and over the years the area has grown around its city walls. It does not lend itself to an upgrade of roads as people using the ring road do so to get from one part of Canterbury to the other. The proposed Western bypass will not address the congestion in Canterbury either and has no merit whatsoever.

There is no evidence that supports your view that Canterbury would be able to take advantage of the potential in its heritage and universities. The Canterbury Tales closed down due to being uneconomical and there are no plans for anything else? The council has not demonstrated how it intends to take advantage of these two "potential" sources of income which have been in situ for some time and have not reaped the rewards you claim.

You have commented on the potential economic growth of the district but have not detailed how you intend to achieve this. Canterbury has shops but the High Streets are declining. There are no large employers apart from the Universities. Your comments lack details and are therefore lack any foundation. Canterbury has peaked!

You state you would aim to improve diversity and open spaces, but again have not stated how you would achieve this?

How does building houses on already used open spaces, green areas and natural woods such as Den Grove Wood and Neals Place Place and Dukes meadow and other designated greenfield areas fit your vision and comply with legal environmental requirements?

On a legal footing you have not carried out a Strategic Environmental Assessment. This MUST be done before you go any further, and furthermore is a legal requirement.

This country is facing a climate emergency and CCC should look again at its road programme and take action to reduce road traffic, not build more roads that can only lead to more pollution.

You have not commented on the sewerage system (which is already under strain) and your report makes no mention of any additional Doctors, schools and the many other facilities required around Canterbury.

Building homes in Canterbury will add to the congestion and there is no evidence it will decrease.

My preference is Coastal option as they need more focus and have the space to absorb new houses, and consideration has already been given to schools and health provision.

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