

FW: Contact form submitted - form reference 547766

Keith Lampard

7 August 2021 at 12:23

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Michael and Alex,

Here is the basis of my response to the local plan consultation document. I have been completely frustrated by the Council's terrible online from which has lost all the work I have put in. Of the options offered I prefer one with minimum housing distributed between Canterbury and the coast. The ones I most disagree with are the 'preferred option' and those favouring rural development or a new settlement. The latter 2 will result in a significant increase in traffic movements.

Best wishes,

Keith Lampard

The basis of my response:

The vision of high skilled jobs based on science, technology and medicine based on our universities is welcome. It should be noted though that our universities are heavily dependent on UK undergraduate student numbers and have always under-performed on research, enterprise and the provision of continuing professional development compared with their peers. The commitment to high quality low carbon design is also welcome. The major problem with the vision is that it fails to have due regard to sustainability and climate emergency. The core of the plan is housing development, which exceeds government requirements, and road infrastructure. Most of the housing will be for commuters to London or for families relocated by London boroughs. This does not address sustainability and will generate economic and social problems. Long distance commuting needs to be discouraged with housing being generated close to where people work at the major natural economic growth points of the UK. These include London, the Thames valley and the M11 corridor. They do not include East Kent. The Government also wishes to pursue a levelling up agenda for the Midlands and the North where there are more opportunities than in East Kent. The relocation of people by London boroughs to solve their accommodation problems is disastrous for the people involved: they are removed from their family and support networks; they are removed from the jobs market in London while their children are placed in schools that underperform compared with London. The long-term impact is likely to be negative both socially and economically.

The plan focusses on the building of roads. The building of roads fails to solve congestion problems and generates more traffic. Congestion will simply increase and be moved around the city. There needs to be a strong emphasis on sustainable solutions: the reduction of commuting; increased working from home; and a much stronger emphasis on walking, cycling and public transport.

The ambitious house building proposed for Canterbury will destroy the historic character of the city, which is key to its appeal to visitors, and much of the green spaces that are valued by residents. Poorly considered development is already raising questions about the city's World heritage status. The development of new roads is strongly linked to increase in housing and might not be needed if development was restricted to the government minimum coupled with the development of sustainable transport alternatives.

While the plan considers environmental issues relating to water it has little to say about the big problems in southern England: the disposal of sewage. Southern Water has a criminal judgement against it for deception and contravening environmental law. Given the evidence of untreated sewage discharge this summer there is little evidence of improvement. Increasing population size in these circumstances will make the position worse. The vision refers to health but NHS provision in the area is a problem. The hospitals perform poorly by while the ratio of doctors to patients in Kent is the worst in the south east by a long way and among the worst in the UK. Much of this is due to unfilled vacancies and will become worse due to the age profile of GPs. It is hoped that the new medical school will address the problem but this will take time and is not guaranteed to succeed. Student dissatisfaction expressed by those on placement in Kent hospitals London medical schools suggests that students trained in Kent may also wish to move to other places with better conditions and career prospects. There are also serious concerns about education provision and underperforming schools, and the provision of social services in Kent, particularly children's services and care for the elderly.

From: Keith Lampard [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, 7 August 2021 at 11:56
To: CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Contact form submitted - form reference 547766

Dear mike,

Thanks for this document. Unfortunately I found it difficult to indicate my preferences using this document. I looked again at the online form and found that one of my answers had been saved. Consequently I hoped that the problems had been fixed. I have spent 2.5 hours completing the form to find, yet again, I have been thrown out of the form and none of my answers have been saved. As you were aware that the online options was not working a warning should have been applied or it should have been taken down. I conclude that this consultation exercise is a farce and rigged.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Lampard

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of CCC Consultations <consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>
Date: Tuesday, 27 July 2021 at 15:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Contact form submitted - form reference 547766

Good afternoon Mr Lampard,

Thank you for your email.

I am sorry for the problems you have been experiencing with our Local Plan consultation.

Our team is working as hard as it can to improve the forms, and as a result of the difficulties people have been having, we have extended the consultation to now close on Monday 9 August at 9am.

I have attached a Microsoft Word version of the consultation for you to complete, and I hope this helps.

Best wishes,

Mike Bailey

Corporate Consultation Manager
Canterbury City Council

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From: <noreply@canterbury.gov.uk>

Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2021 at 12:45

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- Your last name Lampard
- Your email [REDACTED]
- Your address [REDACTED]
- Your message I have made 2 attempts to fill in your consultation response. Having answered the questions on draft vision and growth page i click the button NEXT at the bottom of the page and both times it has thrown me out onto a generic services page. When I log back in all my responses have been lost. Please, please could you fix this.
- Do you want to upload any documents? no