

2nd August 2021

Local Plan Options Consultation
Council Offices
Military Road
CANTERBURY
CT1 1YW

Dear Sirs

Ref. The Current Local Plan Consultation.

We would like to register our views, specifically in relation to Issue HNC11.

We choose Option HNC11A on the basis that, as you state it provides significant flexibility in terms of how and where purpose built accommodation can be delivered. Also, your existing policy EMP7 already supports Student Accommodation on Campus. The combination of the two would seem to allow you to pursue your current preferred option.

We would, however, like to, once again, bring one specific issue to your attention as part of this Consultation, namely the current **planning status** of Woodland Way (and also including the neighbouring 4 properties on the North side of Giles Lane which form part of the same block, namely Giles Cottage, Overdale, Elsinore and The Markaz or Mosque.)

We have already brought this to your attention, starting with our e mail to Mr Thomas on 1st March 2020 and subsequent e mails to Lisa Gadd and Karen Britton, culminating in our email to Karen dated 20th October 2020. You have confirmed that you will be reconsidering and reviewing the University Boundary as you prepare the New Local Plan.

To summarise, a change to the University boundary appears to have been made in the 2013 Preferred Plan, carried through to the Adoption of the 2017 plan, which **re-designated Woodland Way** (and the neighbouring part of Giles Lane) from the Blean Forest Ward **to being part of the University Campus**. You have found no records to explain or justify this change, strongly suggesting that this was an accident rather than a formally designated change. Our e mail to Karen Britton on 20th October therefore requested that Woodland Way (and we would now like to include the neighbouring part of Giles Lane) be removed from the Campus as part of the process of developing the New Local Plan, so that the apparent error can be rectified and its planning status can revert to what it originally was.

The inclusion of Woodland Way (and the neighbouring part of Giles Lane) in the University Campus, about which the residents do not appear to have ever been consulted, has had a significant effect on our rights, as residents, to contest the development of Student Accommodation in the road e.g. the normal protections to 'maintain an appropriate housing mix and safeguard the character of