

# Save the Blean

Write to our MP

Rosie Duffield MP

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Rosie Duffield says on her website:

*I will continue to be a strong voice for everyone in Canterbury, Whitstable and the villages, whether or not they voted for me. [I will campaign on the issues that matter most to you.](#)*

Why **everyone** should write:

As our MP it is important that Rosie Duffield should be aware of and understand local reaction to a plan which would change the local environment permanently and have an impact on the daily life of her constituents. She must learn the strength of local feeling. It could be an issue in this constituency in the forthcoming elections. There may be issues which she will wish and be able to pursue if she has a clear sense of strong, well-argued, local opinion. The number of letters really matters. Encourage everyone to write to her.

**Your letter** should be personal, reflect your views, not be abusive, provide strong grounds for rejecting the proposal for the Blean fields. What really counts are objections and comments based on **evidence and policy**.

To confirm that you are a resident - **you must include your name and address**.

Points which you may wish to include are:

- 2000 houses and commercial development on Blean fields (University of Kent land between Tyler Hill and Blean **both sides** of Tyler Hill Road) will be a fundamental violation and destruction of the rural environment.

- Increase in immediate local population from around 3700 to 10000 in a rural area.
- Pressure on water.
- Polluted drainage into the Sarre Penn stream.
- Increased air and light pollution
- Major traffic increase on local roads. Two access points, at Kent College and Blean Primary School, would funnel traffic down Whitstable Road and Rough Common Road.
- Tyler Hill Road becomes a cut-through.
- Loss of rare wildlife including skylarks, yellowhammers, nightingales, bats, great crested newts, butterflies, foxes, badgers, stoats.
- Loss of productive farmland, green open spaces, ancient woodland, rural footpaths
- Destruction of the character of the area. St Cosmus and St Damian Church and other historical monuments surrounded by buildings. The Crab and Winkle Way would become an urban street.
- Sewage wastewater treatment works within the site
- The new district plan and housing projects already agreed could increase the population by over **70,000 (from 157,000 to 227,000)** which is not sustainable.