

The Canterbury Society

The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sir or Madam

Folly Farm, Headcorn Drive, Canterbury: CA/12/01169/FUL and CA/12/01575/FUL. A/12/218881/NWF and A/12/218886/NWF

The committee of the Canterbury Society is concerned about the appeal by Robert Brett and Sons against the refusal of this application.

As you know, applications to develop this site have been refused three times, always with good reason. We are dismayed that the decisions of the Canterbury City Council Development Management Committee are not being respected.

Commenting on the most recent appeal the Inspector noted that the main issues are (1) the effect of the proposal on the setting of Folly Farmhouse, (2) the scheme's impact on the living conditions of residents at the farmhouse and elsewhere and (3) whether or not adequate detail has been submitted in respect of various matters. The first two of these points continue to apply.

In addition there is an issue about the steady encroachment of housing into the rural areas which surround Canterbury. This is a working farm which is adjacent to land of high agricultural and landscape value. The proposed development would extent the city's built-up area further into the countryside.

We hope that the appeal will be dismissed.

Yours sincerely

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