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were at the meeting on Saturday which was fairly constructive.

IQ: *I see. The Whitstable Road residents association wouldn't, I think, be directly affected by this development...*

TW: Oh they will, because the walk-through foot-traffic coming through Harkness Drive and then down Whitstable Road - they are going to be affected.

RN: And I think it's important to remember that people from the whole area use that area as a green open space, so you don't have to be sort of ... you know there are different issues, you've got the two basic issues I suppose it's fair to say. The impact of the development being so close to a residential area, the other issue is just that the value of that open space as an unspoilt green area which a lot of people use and appreciate, and various people even though they don't live directly

university.

TW: People come from quite a wide area just to use that space; I was speaking to a couple up there the other day who are from Whitstable who come regularly just to walk. It's quite amazing really.

IQ: *Have the Conservation Society been in contact?*

RN: We've had an email from the Ethics and Environment officer Alex Murray. He certainly says that he and other students want to get involved, now they've realised the area that it's going to affect. In particular there's a conservation area, which would be destroyed.

TW: The Chancellor of the University, Sir Robert Worcester, is also Vice-President of the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

IQ: *Is he?*

TW: Yes, a little bit of a conflict of interests there I think.

IQ: *What do you envisage being*

community.

RN: Until now the Kent campus has been a discrete campus, which is something which is something of great benefit to university itself, as it is set in parkland. If it's now going to become continuous with the city then that's going to be a loss to the university and it's going to change the relationship between the university and the city. So just going back to how the campaign is going to develop - what we're told is that the university is likely to submit the application to the council next month (March) and it will probably then come to the development control committee. It will probably go to them in June.

TW: I think if the application goes in, in March, then maybe before June.

RN: We'll see.

IQ: *Will there be a forum in which you can go along and register your objections?*

TW: Yes we get the opportunity to speak at the meeting. You can

hundreds of letters attached.

TW: That's the idea. It's raising the awareness of it throughout the city that's the thing.

TW: We've already raised our concerns with everyone, we sent a letter out to all the councillors and to your newspaper and all the heads of the university so that everyone was aware of our concerns.

RN: It will be interesting to see whether the application that goes in is at all modified from the proposals that were at the consultation.

IQ: *Are there any modifications that would soothe you?*

RN: No. It's the location. I mean, as you know, we're very much in favour of the university building more accommodation on campus, because that would cover another of our concerns. More and more landlords have been buying to let, and the balance of HMO's (Houses of Multiple Occupation) and long term residents has been shifting over the last few years quite radically. It's the balance

That's why a lot of them have moved out. I've already been told by several residents that if this development goes ahead, they will leave the area.

IQ: *Specifically in your area I suppose - the ones who are most directly affected?*

TW: Yeah. The residential estate the backing on to the university. The university and the PR company were saying that this is going to help address the HMO problems in Canterbury. In actual fact, in our area it will have the adverse affect. It's such a prime location, being next to the university, that landlords are just snapping them up - we've lost three or four just recently. We did get to the stage last year when, with all the business with the HMO's, that Canterbury City Council were actually refusing planning permission. Which stopped some of the landlords purchasing houses. Unfortunately the law changed again, and we lost that battle.