

Draft Plan - Objection

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I object to Policy W4 Brooklands Farm for the following reasons:-

- The risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe;
- Local health services already badly over-stretched with patients frequently unable to get beds in hospitals
- Significantly increased traffic on local roads - CCC don't know how bad this will be because the Local Plan traffic modelling was totally inadequate
- Swalecliffe sewage works already unable to cope with existing demand resulting in serious illness for some visitors to local beaches. This is totally unacceptable for a town with a famous seafood tradition that aspires to be a tourist destination.
- Loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.
- Loss of open-landscape wildlife habitats, bad for genuine biodiversity.
- Permanent destruction of the rural nature of the valley of the Swalecliffe Brook, which provides the unofficial Green Belt between urban Whitstable and The Blean. (Why has CCC not provided this with protected status?)
- Loss of amenity for local residents
- The development would not be "sustainable". Whitstable is not the right place to build houses for Canterbury commuters!
- Damage to the setting of listed buildings in Rayham Road: Rayham Farm & The Barn House.
- Contradiction of CCC's own 'Landscape character assessment and biodiversity appraisal (Oct 2020)' which explains the high importance of this natural landscape.
- See attached aerial views illustrating the potential landscape damage.

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