

OBJECTION Brooklands Farm Development

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Good afternoon,

I write to you so that I can register my formal objection to the Brooklands Farm development. We attended the consultation at the Umbrella centre in Whitstable last week and the information failed to calm any of our fears.

I live locally in Chestfield.

I object to this development for a number of reasons as follows.

Overdevelopment in the area, ongoing right now Grasmere Pastures and Whitstable Heights to name just 2.

Flooding issues which already exist with surface water on parts of South St and Chestfield. This was mentioned during the meeting and a panel member said the developers would add extra drainage to prevent current flooding. However where will this excess water drainage go?

Insufficient infrastructure, with so many new houses where is the work for so many new households?

Increase in sewage. Our current system is already beyond capacity, discharging more and more into our rivers and sea.

Huge increase in traffic with the addition of a slip road off the New Thanet Way, leaving Chestfield Road a 'rat run'

Impact of increase in traffic on local roads, please do visit the roundabout by Chestfield Station mornings and afternoons, the area is a complete jam already.

Higher demand on healthcare services : Doctors, Hospitals , Dentists. I do not see one healthcare service included in the plan.

Increase in demand on water supply, already limited in the summer months

Safeguard our valuable resources, in this instance our farmland, please can you confirm if the developer has already purchased Brooklands Farm? This question could not be answered at the Umbrella centre meeting.

Impact on human wellbeing: light, traffic, noise and visual pollution, this is a real concern.

Negative impact on biodiversity and nature conservation.

I would like to add, the local plan to saturate a small area with so many new houses, the panel commented that bus and cycle track facilities will be improved. This is a great idea but with 9346 houses planned for this small area in Kent, bringing approx 30000 extra cars.....NO new roads (just a badly planned slip from A299) the area will be gridlocked.

My wife works from Clover House in Chestfield and already has traffic issues during her short commute. I work in Dover and believe that increased traffic in our village will cause a huge increase in my daily commute.

I fail to understand the logic of the council having a strategy to reduce traffic in the district but then allowing 30000 more vehicles to the area.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge this objection and take into consideration its content.

Thank you

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