

Fwd: 1400 homes near Chestfield

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Subject: 1400 homes near Chestfield

Dear Sir,

I have been a resident of Herne and Herne Bay for over 45 years.

In that time we have always enjoyed rural walks, local farm live stock and agricultural produce, and sea food which we have enjoyed collecting ourselves from the seafront from Whitstable through to Reculver.

Sadly over the years we have seen this lifestyle virtually completely eroded and replaced with sprawling housing estates with little to no character and no increase in basic facilities or services.

Now yet again the council is planning another 'development' this time on land adjacent to Chestfield.

Currently I am sure the council is aware that seafood cannot be collected and eaten from the seafront from Reculver through Herne Bay! Because of sewage discharges. I walk this section of sea front daily throughout the year, sadly over the past few years the sight of dead fish being washed up has increased. The amount of dead shell fish on the mussel banks, dead oysters etc is nothing short of criminal.

Yet the Council continues to allow more house building.

In the Herne Bay Area we have lost farms both agricultural, dairy and livestock. Loss of local trades and employment within these industries being replaced with sprawling housing estates, being plumbed in to services that have not been upgraded in decades. Sewage farms that now cannot cope hence the continual discharges that have poisoned and polluted our coast line making it impossible to collect sea foods, a pleasure that was an integral part of living in Herne Bay, Reculver, Whitstable areas. Or even swim in safe waters at the seaside.

Broad Oak reservoir project planned over 50 years ago to supply water to the local area and avoid the annual water shortages that have been experienced in recent years. A subject I have previously written to Roger Gale MP about, being told the project will still go ahead albeit smaller than originally planned?

Yet with all these shortcomings in basic infrastructure providing essential needs to the local population CCC continues to allow houses to be built knowing that it will lead to further pollution of our coastline and water supply.

Not to mention the aged original water pipes that burst with boring regularity, the road surfaces that are breaking up because they were not designed for the amount of traffic they are now exposed to.

This Chestfield development is allegedly including a Primary School and SEN school? Is this supposed to be the sweetener to get the project through planning?

It will not however solve what is obviously an overpopulation issue in E Kent coastal region and probably E Kent as a whole?

I have not mentioned education with classes of over 30 children! How are children supposed to learn under those conditions, is it any wonder teachers are leaving the profession, children are under performing. Special needs are increasing?

I believe CCC has a responsibility to residents to stop this build build build insanity until the proper and adequate infrastructure is in place to service fully the incumbent and projected residents.

The country is supposed to be looking at reducing carbon etc going greener yet the Council is continually allowing building on agricultural land thereby reducing local produce necessitating the transportation of produce into the area to satisfy the needs of the ever increasing population that continually shrinks the areas that food was produced on thereby ensuring the importation of foods causing increased further pollution.

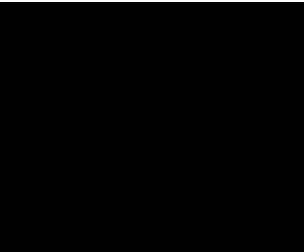
The social dynamics of EKent have changed beyond recognition, balance has to be restored, any further housing developments like the proposal for Chestfield will further stretch what is already broken.

Canterbury city council needs to look hard at what is happening in the area.

Look at the farmland and food production that has been lost, the social deficiencies-lack of family facilities, children's activities, space to walk enjoy nature etc, even now the beaches of E Kent, the impact of over subscribed education from primary through to secondary in schools that have not been properly upgraded with their loss of playing fields in some having been sold off for housing.

The area's infrastructure is broken, a halt to further building has to be called before all that is created is a large ghetto that no services, infrastructure can provide for!

John Ritchie



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