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To: Canterbury City Council Consultations
From: Martin Kolandra, [REDACTED]
Re: Consultation for Canterbury District Local Plan to 2040

I strongly object to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040 for the following reasons:

- Local sewage network is already unable to cope with existing demand, development of such scale would result in even more sewage discharge to the sea of local beaches and fishing areas. The current situation is ridiculous and outrageous as is!
- Significantly increased traffic on local roads
- Loss of open-landscape and wildlife habitats
- Permanent destruction of the rural nature of the valley
- Putting major additional pressure on already stretched local health services
- **CCC needs to recognise that housing developments affect the coastal towns much more severely than Canterbury.** Canterbury can expand to north, east, south and west. Whitstable can only expand southwards, as it is constrained by marshland to the west, and by Herne Bay to the east. What little farmland that remains within easy walking distance of Whitstable is needed for residents' recreation and well-being as well as to preserve the last vestiges of the natural setting of this tourist destination town. Therefore, the farmland between the Blean woodland and the existing urban edge of Whitstable should be given statutory protection.
- Whitstable is not the right place to build houses for Canterbury commuters.

Sincerely,

Martin Kolandra