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I strongly object to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040.

I am a local resident and teacher.

I have many concerns:

- 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
- 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 beautiful open-landscape and 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.
- Lastly, and personally important to me, is that we DO NOT NEED another primary school in the Whitstable area! Schools are closing classrooms. Staff are being made redundant. Whitstable prices have driven away so many young house buyers, especially in Tankerton. There are not enough children to fill the school places that we have and the projected figures over the next few years are quickly dropping away. I do not believe that the new houses would be affordable to most young people or enticing enough to lure back the people who have already moved away.
- For the reasons listed above, the proposals would be unsustainable and would contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180a, 180b, 180d and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

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