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Hi there

I'm writing today to express real and multiple concerns about several plans in the Whitstable area proposed by you. I'm both a resident and worker in Whitstable.

My main issue is with the monstrous plans for brooklands farm on South Street. This huge piece of land proposes to become 1300+ homes with retail and a school.

This is a wonderful area of countryside and provides green space and landscapes for those living here. It provides character and a haven for residents and should be protected at all costs. The loss of habitats for wildlife would be grave should this become a town in itself. The area around South Street already floods, my garden and driveway being affected, as the drainage in this area cannot cope with the existing run off.

I am also one of those crazy people who submerges themselves in cold water all year round, tankerton is a weekly swim spot for me. I think it is disgraceful that these plans are even being discussed when no measures have been taken to stop southern water dumping sewage into our seas. It feels like russian roulette as to whether I can swim on any particular day. Weather obviously impacts releases, however there are multiple examples of releases when there had been no rain. The only explanation for this seems to be a complete disregard for our environment.

The prospect of swimming in 1300+ more people's 🦷 fills me with disgust, for obvious reasons, but also at those who would approve these developments when it is completely obvious to everyone that our infrastructure cannot cope with those already living here.

Drainage and sewage is a major concern but so to is our road system. South Street is a glorified country road and serves many already but would absolutely not cope with increased reliance on it. Of course I would expect the roads to be developed in anticipation of this development, yet more concrete covering our beloved and much threatened nature.

I also have concerns about other proposals. Whitstable heights is in full swing but rumour has it that a % of these homes have been sold to a London borough council, so in fact, not benefitting the local community at all. So why the need for more residences opposite?!

The proposal for a park and ride on this same piece of land is questionable. We had a park and ride near estuary view which lasted such a small time, this original area should be improved to facilitate a much needed P&R, rather than bulldozing over another field to create something we already had.

Whilst I would prefer no further development of our green spaces, I'm aware that more housing is required and that plans must be made. I would think a better location for further housing developments would be off the old Thanet way between the chestfield and greenhill roundabout. This land in itself is not picturesque and would feed into a larger road system in place.

I know Whitstable is a sought after location to live but also visit. I have to wonder though if all these plans to cater for more people, will in fact obliterate the very thing that made it sought after in the first place.

PLEASE SAY NO to brooklands farm development and think very carefully about other proposals for the whitstable area.

Thank you
Samantha Davis
Concerned and frustrated local resident.