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I object to the proposed plan as above as it will be catastrophic for the environment. Please see the points below for my arguments.

The University of Kent is in debt and not developing any further partly due to the decline in overseas students. Therefore the job opportunities will not be there. They have already made lots of redundancies.

The buses do not go through Rough Common so how is the public transport going to be improved.

The natural environment will not thrive due to you building in the countryside.

The habitats and landscapes will not be improved as you are destroying it and the natural corridors open to wildlife.

The hedgerows provide natural habitat for birds, rodents etc, they soak up flood water and provide a natural windbreak.

Blean, the Kent Downs, The River Great Ouse and the coast is a Biodiversity hotspot where Biodiversity is on the decline. Building developments on this land will decrease Biodiversity even further.

Brown long-eared bats and pipistrelle bats roost near the Church of St Cosmus and St Damian in the Blean, Great Crested Newts have been found living in multiple locations around the area of the proposed housing development. These are endangered species and need protecting.

The area is also home to some rare native plants, such as yellow gentians and loose flowered orchids.

There are multiple heritage sites and conservation areas in and adjoining the proposed area for development including a series of Bronze Age burial mounds that have been found as well as other archaeological finds.

The environment will not be greener and healthier because there will be extra vehicles and traffic which will emit emissions into the atmosphere.

Doctor surgeries are already lacking in GP's and the waiting times in A&E are catastrophic. To increase the population would be a massive strain on the already overrun and stretched NHS.

More than 100 hectares of Grade 3 agricultural land is going to be destroyed, which is used for a mixture of livestock grazing and arable crops. The UK is facing huge impacts to our food supply and supply chain disruption – which means we will need to produce more food in the UK over the coming years, not less.

If you build secondary schools in Whitstable and Herne Bay, then more cars are going to be travelling along the country roads such as Pean Hill, Tyler Hill and Clowes Wood (which is an accident hotspot). More school buses will be needed too. If you demolish Blean Primary School then you will be building it on another green space in Chestfield. Where would the pupils who live in Blean and surrounding areas and the New Proposed development go to school.

The water system and sewage plant does not support the existing infrastructure for the existing towns, so where or how do you stop even more sewage going into the natural rivers, streams and oceans.

To achieve net zero carbon emissions you would need to use solar panels on each house as well as a heat source pump, rain water/storm water (grey water) collection and electric car pods. The power stations will not cope with the new houses or be able to supply enough electricity.

Regards,

Linda & Robert Baxter



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