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I object to Policy W4 the development at Brookside Farm.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

Flooding

The risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe is not addressed and is a serious concern.

Health Services

Local health services are already badly over-stretched and there is no plan to increase services to provide for the additional population either at GP or hospital level services.

Traffic

There will be significantly increased traffic on local roads - the CCC don't know how bad this will be because the Local Plan traffic modelling was totally inadequate. 1400 homes each with a car and some with two cars will result in around 2,000 additional cars in the local area without any proper estimation of impact.

Infrastructure for Sewerage

Swalecliffe sewage works is already unable to cope with existing demand resulting in the discharge of untreated effluent into the sea when it rains. This has led to polluted sea water and serious illness for some visitors to local beaches. It is also a threat to the local economy, community and environment. More houses will make this much worse. This is all totally unacceptable for a town with a famous seafood tradition that aspires to be a tourist destination and will eventually become untenable without proper investment in water infrastructure.

Countryside Destruction

This permanent and irreversible destruction of the rural nature of the valley of the Swalecliffe Brook, which provides the unofficial Green Belt between urban Whitstable and The Blean is an appalling loss for the local area. Why has CCC not provided this with protected status already? The threat to genuine biodiversity is clear through this destruction. The size and area of tracts of rural land like this are shrinking year by year across Kent and England.

Transport.

Where is the public transport planning for young people and those without cars. This is also insufficient despite your plan indicating bus transport will be a priority there is little evidence that the housing estates will be sufficiently served by your plans.

Conclusion

This development would mean the further loss of beautiful open-landscape and wildlife habitats in an area that is seeing vast housing estates already being built without sufficient infrastructure investment in roads, water systems and sewerage

My objections are clear and irrefutable. If you require any further information please contact me.

Many thanks

Carolyn Unsted

