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Dear Canterbury Planning Office,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed housing development on Brooklands Farm (Policy W4 Land at Brooklands Farm) for the following reasons:

1. The scale of the development is **unsustainable** in the area earmarked. There are already large scale housing developments being constructed in Whitstable and the area cannot sustain another development, in particular of this scale.
2. I am very concerned about the **increased flood risk to the area** as the area's green fields currently act as natural drainage absorbing excess rainwater during heavy rainfall. After a particularly wet May this year and climate change predicting wetter summers the natural absorption of rainwater is crucial for the area. If Brooklands Farm is built upon this is likely to be impact the roads along with the ground surface around the area.
3. **Sewage is a particular concern** with anyone living in the Whitstable area. The current sewage system cannot cope with the existing number of houses in the areas which with virtually daily releases of sewage into the sea by South East Water. This proposed housing complex would add increase pressure on the existing system which already cannot cope. The releases into the sea are already have an impact on daily life for many visitors and residents who would like to enjoy the sea but are unable to. Given this area of coastline is a Site of Special Scientific Interest it is vital that this problem is not overlooked.
4. The proposed development will have a **severe impact on traffic** along the A299 where there is already a number new housing developments. The roads and wider infrastructure cannot sustain another large housing development.
5. The site identified is good quality agricultural land - **it is not a brownfield site** - and it should remain as an agricultural and/or greenfield site. There are already many areas locally which have been used for development and this is having a significant impact on wildlife and biodiversity loss due to the decreasing amount of green spaces/countryside in the area.

Please explore alternative areas for sustainable development which do not impact the community and the environment as much as the one proposed does.

There is no turning back to retain greenspaces once they are developed. I strongly urge you to reconsider this development on Brooklands Farm given the reasons for my objection above.

Yours sincerely
Lorraine Howe

