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Dear sir/madam,

We are residents since 2018 of Tankerton. We take a serious interest in local environmental, education, transport and drainage issues and, having examined the Revised Draft Local Plan (LP), Jacobs' Transport Modelling paper and Southern Water's plans for sewage outfall improvements, we remain very concerned and wish to object to the LP's proposals in the strongest terms.

On a general point, the extent of this new development seems extremely high, especially in the light of the already committed housing increases in the immediate area. For the "Coastal Focus" identified in the draft LP, it must be remembered that coastal towns have, by definition, a 50% lower accessibility than central locations. The LP does indicate a number of opportunities to provide better access by walking and cycling and this should be strengthened by the inclusion of public transport options. A fundamental pillar of transport planning is the realization that the solution to congestion lies in demand management and not additional highway provision.

Whitable's massive drainage outfall problems are well documented and we see no plans to fully resolve these issues. Southern Water's £25m investment in improvements to the sewage treatment plant at Swalecliffe will apparently only reduce foul water discharge into the sea by 30%. A far greater improvement is needed and should be a planning obligation for the housing developers.

There are numerous other issues that concern us, including health care (especially dentistry), environmental degradation, water supply and lost farmland. Surely it's obvious that in order to address the environmental and financial costs of food production and distribution, local farmland should be preserved rather than sacrificing it in favour of housing. More people, less locally produced food, higher distribution costs; it's a "no win" situation.

On education, we note the intention to provide a new school in the area. This must include secondary education and has to be a key commitment and CCC has to be absolutely certain on its delivery.

We trust these points will receive due consideration despite their late submission, for which we apologise.

With kind regards,
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