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Dear Canterbury Planning Office

I wish to formally OBJECT STRONGLY to the proposed housing development on Brooklands Farm as proposed in the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan 2040.

My reasons are as followed:

1. Huge growth in this huge housing development is **unsustainable**. This follows on from both Whitstable Heights housing estates and Grasmere Gardens. This is on top of the estimated 1800 homes already under construction in other areas of the town.
2. There is **no infrastructure**, being wholly unfit to cope with the existing number of houses. Therefore, it doesn't really matter what provisions are put in place, if we do not improve the infrastructure first, building thousands of new homes is going to make this problem much worse.
3. **Access and transport bottleneck**. More traffic bringing more cars and vehicle access on the already on the single lane, New Thanet Way. **More pollution**.
4. **Demand on water supply**. Our local wastewater treatment works is **already over capacity**. The site is not being upgraded to cope with additional pressure. Based on *SOS Whitstable* research, it is estimated that this development could add up to 420 tonnes of water and sewage into the system every day and, even if measures are taken to reduce this number, it will still have a huge impact on the ability to treat sewage.
5. **More sewage into the sea**. Whitstable already has the most sewage releases in Kent and about the 4th most in the entire Southern Water region, including Sussex and Hampshire.
6. **Loss of local countryside/open space**. There is already many areas locally which have been used for development.
7. **Loss of wildlife/biodiversity**. This is having a significant impact on wildlife with the decreasing areas of their natural habitat.
8. **Loss of agriculture land**. The site identified is good quality agricultural land - not urban brown space and should remain as such.
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10. Please explore alternative areas for sustainable development and look at what our **community needs**. We actually need is to be able to **use our beaches and sea** without fear of getting ill. Plenty of open green spaces to enjoy nature at its best.

This development will fundamentally change the character and nature of Whitstable forever.

Yours sincerely
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