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We are writing to object strongly to the development on Brooklands farmland.

We object on the basis that the development will destroy Whitstable as a town for locals and for visitors causing disastrous economic and environmental consequences.

More houses will mean more people and more cars permanently on the roads. The roads around Whitstable and Canterbury are already crowded and more cars will mean more traffic, more pollution and more environmental damage.

More houses will cause more sewage to be generated. The current treatment plant at Swalecliffe cannot cope as it is with the amount of sewage generated in the area. The proposed massive increase in the number of houses will cause huge problems in the treatment of sewage and waste. This will cause more dumping of sewage in the sea, washing up on the shoreline with all the destructive and disgusting consequences this brings for people and wildlife.

More houses and more people will generate increased demand for services such as schools, doctors, dentists and hospitals. None of these are supplied in adequate amount already and an increased population size will exacerbate the problem. Currently none of our 3 children were allocated secondary school places in either of the oversubscribed secondary schools in Whitstable or Herne Bay, despite living in Swalecliffe, meaning even now they have to travel into Canterbury every day. Similarly for dental treatment for the children we have been only able to find NHS treatment in Ashford. Our 84 year father who has dementia just spent several nights on a trolley in a corridor in Margate hospital due to a lack of available beds. These basic issues of health and education which are fundamental to a decent standard and quality of living will be made much worse than they already are by the increase in population size of Whitstable and the surrounding area. Requiring thousands more people to make thousands more journeys to Canterbury, Ashford, Margate and surrounding towns for basic, increasingly stretched public services will again add to congestion, pollution and degrade everyone's quality of life.

More generally, the constant pursuit of housing developments on the countryside in this area is having a destructive effect on the agricultural land and the wildlife of the area. There will soon be a fully concreted zone between the old and the new Thanet ways. All the quiet, peaceful habitats along the Swalecliffe brook will be totally destroyed by the amount of people living in the area and the brook will become an open dumping ground for pollution and waste. There will be nothing left of the countryside in east Kent with all the devastating impact this has on the animals and birds and also on humans who live in this already congested part of the country. Kent can no longer call itself the garden of England as it will be concreted over with all the damage to sustainability and the climate that this brings.

For all the above reasons we object strongly to the planned development at Brooklands.

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