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As a Whitstable resident and council tax payer, I would like to object to the proposed Brooklands Farm Development for the following reasons.

1) The local water supply and sewerage infrastructure cannot cope currently with the demands put on it now, hence for example the unacceptable pollution of local rivers, beaches & the sea. Piping more effluent further out, which seems to be the aim of the current Swalecliffe treatment works upgrade, is not a sustainable solution - either for the environment and local marine ecosystems or for the town's famous and historic oyster industry.

2) The Brooklands development will result in more traffic and more traffic pollution in an important historic town, harming the tourist experience and the health of residents.

3) This development, as well as entailing the loss of key agricultural capacity for the nation, represents more unacceptable destruction of countryside and wildlife habitat - just when Whitstable is already tragically losing, on its other side, the beautiful and, for bird life, internationally-important marshland at Graveney, acres and acres which were once full of rare birds and other important species. I myself used to relish their tranquility and was once delighted & privileged to spot a spoonbill here. Now such birds are long gone - it is nothing but an eyesore of an industrial site creating noise and disturbance to sensitive wildlife on the adjacent wetlands and RSPB reserves. Let's not repeat this devastating countryside loss at Brooklands.

I wonder when we humans will learn that the natural environment is not there for us to exploit open-endedly, but something we ourselves cannot exist without?

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