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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with regard to the proposed development at Brooklands Farm.

I strongly object to this plan for several reasons, as noted below:-

I am a Whitstable resident, having lived in Whitstable all my life. (Aged 48 years). During the recent years, the number of developments taking place has increased significantly, these developments have had an impact on the town, and it's residents. I appreciate that there is a need for housing in the South East, but the proposed numbers moving forward are detrimental to the town, the community and very importantly the environment.

Brooklands Farm is a vast development, the sheer size and number of houses being proposed on such good quality agricultural land that will be forever lost to future generations doesn't bear thinking about. At a time when the Government are urging us to consider climate change and the air miles that food has to travel to the consumer in the UK, it seems incomprehensible that the local council would consider the loss of this land a viable option. We are already seeing wildlife suffer from losing their natural habitat due to the continuing works at Whitstable Heights, Church Lane in Seasalter, Harrier Lodge, the Solar farm in Graveney to name but a few.

The scale of the development will have a significant impact on the already suffering roads in and out of Whitstable, the amount of construction vehicles using the roads daily, along with all the additional traffic generated from the new houses once they have been built. Traffic is already horrendous getting in and out of the towns and this will lead to longer travelling time and more pollution on the roads.

I do not see any mention of new hospitals to cope with the increase in population. Already, our local hospitals are some of the lowest in the UK league for performance, how will they cope with this increase in patients. Additionally, the time taken for us to reach the hospital will be compromised due to the increased number of vehicles on the road. Similarly, where will all of the additional GP's and dentists come from? We have just been told that my son needs an urgent dental procedure at hospital, however the waiting list is 2 years plus!

This area suffers badly from flooding already, whenever there is heavy rainfall the area suffers, this will be so much worse once there is no green land for the rainfall to run off. We have had several waterleaks in Whitstable recently, how will the utilities cope with the increased demand. Similarly, the quality of the sea will further deteriorate with the increase in sewage.

I appreciate that there is a need for social housing, however these developments go to London Borough residents, rather than local people who are being pushed out of the area they grew up in. We have also seen an increase in crime from some of the residents who move here from other boroughs. This has been confirmed by local schools.

Where will all of these people work? I have an 17 and a 15 year old who will be looking to join the workforce in the coming years, what impact will all of these new residents have on the local labour market?

During Covid Times, it was proven that green space was vital for a persons mental well being, how can the destruction of vital prime farmland, along with all the noise and air pollution the development will bring enhance your constituents well being?

I urge you to consider the local community and the destruction this development will bring. Quite simply, the development is too large for Whitstable.

Claire Dean,

