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Dear Sirs

Carole Howe, [REDACTED]

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed housing development on Brooklands Farm.

The reasons for this are:

1. The scale of the development is unsustainable in the area earmarked. There is already large scale housing developing along the road towards Whitstable and Herne Bay and the area cannot sustain another development, in particular of this scale.
2. Flooding is a real concern as the area's green fields currently act as natural drainage absorbing excess rainwater during heavy rainfall. After a particularly wet May this year and climate change predicting wetter summers the natural absorption of rainwater is crucial for the area. If built upon this is likely to be impact the roads along with the ground surface around the area.
3. Sewage is a particular concern with anyone living in the Whitstable area. The system at present cannot cope with the level of sewage in the system with virtually daily releases by South East Water. This proposed housing complex would add increase pressure on the existing system which already cannot cope. The releases into the sea are already have an impact on daily life for many visitors and residents who would like to enjoy the sea but are unable to. Not only this area of coastline is a site of Special Scientific Interest and it is vital that this is not overlooked.
4. The proposed development will have a severe impact on traffic along the A299 where there is already a number new housing developments. The roads cannot sustain another large housing development.
5. The site identified is good quality agricultural land - not urban brown space - and should remain as such. There is already many areas locally which have been used for development and this is having a significant impact on wildlife with the decreasing areas of their natural habitat.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider this development on Brooklands Farm given the reasons for my objection above. Please explore alternative areas for sustainable development which do not impact the community and the environment as much as the one proposed does.

Yours faithfully

Carole Howe

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