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I would like to express my strong objection to the proposed housing development on Brookland Farm.

There are so many reasons as to why this proposal is unsuitable and unviable that it is hard to imagine why a body of elected councillors, supposedly representing their local community, would have even considered it. I will briefly list some of these, even though I feel you are fully aware of the problems already.

1. Traffic : a) Volume, b) Pollution c) Impact on wildlife d) Narrow roads (if potholes were bad this year!!).
2. Sewage : I assume you understand the problems residents have faced due to SE Water being unable to cope with the pressure they are currently under? How do you suppose they will cope when faced with a further 1400 houses?
3. Flooding : The replacement of fields (which act as natural drainage, helping to reduce flooding) by impermeable surfaces such as houses and roads would disturb a natural drainage system and exacerbate risk of flooding.
4. Infrastructure: This site is Rural not Urban! It lies on good agricultural land and is not suited to a development of any size. The number and size of developments that have been approved in the area in recent years have had a huge impact on the lives of local people. These developments have been approved and built without any extra support services being provided to cope with the new influx of people.
5. Land: Kent was once known as the garden of England. I wonder if people appreciate what devastation the impact of their actions has on the landscape when they just approve the concreting over of more green land?

I would like to know who these houses are being built for? They are not affordable housing and young people from the local area certainly can't afford to buy them.

Also -can you provide a breakdown as to where the buyers of 'Whitstable Heights' came from? How many were from local area? How many were just buying second homes? Were some bought up by other councils to ease their housing needs?

Yours faithfully

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